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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill allows personal use of fireworks between July 1 and July 7 of every year, and allows sale of fireworks for personal use for a limited time before that. The bill requires compliance with certain requirements both in the sale of fireworks and in their use.

1 Fireworks; limited personal use; authorization.

Subd. 1. Limited personal use of fireworks. Provides that from July 1 to July 7 of each year, fireworks may be possessed, used, or exploded for personal use. In addition, a retail seller may advertise and sell fireworks for personal use for 15 days before July 1. Requires that the date limitations be posted where the fireworks are sold, and included as a warning label on any fireworks themselves. Requires that the seller require the purchaser to sign an affidavit stating that the purchaser is at least 18, the purchaser has received a copy of fireworks use safety guidelines, the purchaser agrees to use the fireworks only within the July 1 to July 7 period, and the purchaser agrees to supervise any use of the fireworks by minors.

Subd. 2. Fireworks safety guidelines. Requires the state fire marshal to adopt safety guidelines designed to ensure that the personal use of fireworks follows best fireworks safety practices.

Subd. 3. Penalty. Provides that use or explosion of fireworks in violation of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.