

Subject Authorizing the sale of certain fireworks
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Overview

Under current law, most fireworks are illegal in Minnesota. Retailers can sell novelties, including sparklers, snakes, and smoke devices, but cannot sell firecrackers or similar items. Neighboring states have more permissive firework laws.

This bill would legalize the sale of consumer-grade fireworks in Minnesota. It would dedicate a portion of the sales tax revenue to the volunteer fire assistance grant account and the fire safety account.

Summary

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1	<p>Deposit of revenues.</p> <p>Directs that sales tax collected from the sale of fireworks be deposited as follows: 25 percent in the volunteer fire assistance grant account, 25 percent in the fire safety account, and 50 percent in the general fund.</p>
2	<p>Regulation.</p> <p>Replaces existing definitions of fireworks with specific definitions for "aerial and audible devices," "APA 87-1," "display fireworks," "fireworks," "novelties," and "sparkling devices." Maintains the requirements in current law that "legal fireworks" may not be used on public property or purchased by persons younger than 18 years of age, and that persons selling legal items verify the purchaser's age by photographic identification. Provides that the law does not authorize using fireworks before noon or after 10:00 p.m. Requires a retail seller to operate from a permanent structure at any location where aerial and audible devices are sold for more than 45 days in a year. Retains the cap on the annual license fee that local units of government may charge to retail sellers of novelties and aerial and audible devices at \$350. Authorizes local governments to charge a separate \$100 fee for each additional retail location a licensee operates. Requires that applications for a license be submitted by June 1 each year and provides that all licenses expire the following May 31. Prohibits local units of government from imposing other fees on the retail or</p>

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	<p>wholesale sale of novelties and aerial and audible devices. Preempts local regulation of sparkling devices and novelties. Permits local units of government to regulate, restrict, or bar the sale and use of aerial and audible devices, display fireworks, and sparkling devices. Provides that counties have the same authority as statutory cities to regulate the use of aerial and audible devices, display fireworks, sparkling devices, and novelties.</p>
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