

November 2, 2017

**Re: Notice of NEW Fireworks Law  
Notice of Upcoming Expiration of Current Consumer Fireworks Facility License  
Notice of Process for Licensure under the New Fireworks Law**

Dear Permanent Consumer Fireworks Facility Licensee:

This is an important notice to all persons who are currently licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (Department) to sell consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**A new Fireworks Law took effect on October 30, 2017.** Under that new law, your facility may continue to sell consumer fireworks under its current license for a period of 90 days (through January 28, 2018) or until the term of the current license expires, whichever comes first. You must apply for and obtain a *new* license under the *new* law to be able to lawfully sell consumer fireworks beyond this expiration date.

Although the new Fireworks Law will expand your customer base by allowing sales of consumer fireworks to Pennsylvania residents with fewer restrictions than under the previous law, your facility *must be licensed under the new Fireworks Law* before it can sell consumer fireworks to the extent allowed under that new law. Until this new license is issued your facility can only sell consumer fireworks to the extent it could under the previous law.

A New Permanent Consumer Fireworks Facility License application packet is enclosed, as is an unofficial (downloaded, reformatted) copy of the new Fireworks Law.

If you wish to sell consumer fireworks from your facility after the expiration date described above, you must apply for (and receive) an initial license for your facility under the new Fireworks Law. The enclosed packet contains detailed instructions. In summary, a complete application includes (1) a complete, signed and dated application form; (2) payment (by *cashier's check, certified check or money order only*) of the nonrefundable \$2,500 initial application fee and the appropriate annual license fee; (3) proof of required insurance coverage (from the insurance provider); (4) a copy of a certificate of occupancy for the facility; and (5) other required paperwork as described in the application materials. Please review the enclosed packet carefully for further details on this process. Licensing information can also be found on the Department's webpage: [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov), and Department staff is available at (717) 787-9089 to help answer any questions. Incomplete application packets will be returned to the submitter without any review or action by this Department.



**pennsylvania**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF RIDE AND MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

Although the new Fireworks Law requires that the Department conduct an inspection of the facility within 30 days of receiving a complete license application and issue or deny the license within 14 days following that inspection, the Department appreciates the urgency of your application and will work to conduct the required inspection and act on the application with all speed.

Please do not delay in assembling and submitting a complete New Permanent Consumer Fireworks Facility License Application for your facility. If this Department receives your *complete* application within the next 30 days it will be able to process the application, conduct the required inspection and act on the application quickly, with no lapse in licensure.

Questions can be addressed to undersigned at the Department's Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards, at the address listed below.

Respectfully,

Walter T. Remmert  
Bureau Director



## NEW Consumer Fireworks Facility License Application Checklist

This document is a checklist to help make sure that your application to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture ("Department") for a Consumer Fireworks Facility License is complete. It should be reviewed, signed and returned to the Department along with your complete application.

The person submitting the application to the Department for the Applicant should check or initial each box, where indicated, to confirm that the indicated step has been taken to complete the Application.

The Department will schedule a facility for inspection once it receives a complete application. An incomplete application will be returned to the Applicant by the Department without further action by the Department.

Checklist:

- The Applicant has read, understood and completed the Consumer Fireworks Facility License Application. The Application has been fully-executed by the Applicant, with all blanks filled-in.
- The Applicant understands an incomplete application will be returned to the Applicant by the Department without further action by the Department.
- A *certified check, money order or cashier's check*, made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" in the full amount called for in the Application, is enclosed with the Application.
- All four of the attachments called for in the Application are included with the Application. These include:

**Attachment "1"** – An occupancy permit or similar proof that the building in which the Facility is located is compliant with the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.

**Attachment "2"** – Proof of Required Insurance Coverage, as described in the Application.

**Attachment "3"** – A completed "Employee Training Record" form.

**Attachment "4"** – Proof of a monitored burglar and fire alarm system.

There are no misrepresentations or false statements in this document. All representations in this application are made subject to the criminal penalties for unsworn falsification to authorities (Pennsylvania Crimes Code, 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904).

---

Printed Name

---

Signature

---

Date



# pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF RIDE AND MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

As of November 1, 2017

### Application for New Permanent Retail Consumer Fireworks Facility

Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> A Natural Person <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)		
Business Name (please print)		
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP
Phone Number	FAX Number	
E-Mail & Website		
Physical Address (if different from above)		
City	State	ZIP
Type of Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Year-Round <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Opening Date: _____ Closing Date: _____		
24/7 Contact Name		Phone Number
FAX Number		E-Mail Address

Please print the requested information for all individuals with any ownership interest (include partnerships, associations, corporations, etc.). If more space is needed please attach a blank sheet.

Name		Title
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Date of Birth	Maiden Name/Alias:	
Has the above person ever been convicted of a felony? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Name		Title
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Date of Birth	Maiden Name/Alias:	
Has the above person ever been convicted of a felony? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Name		Title
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Date of Birth	Maiden Name/Alias:	
Has the above person ever been convicted of a felony? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

## **A. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (“PDA”) Information**

The Applicant or any person may contact PDA at the following address for any purpose related to this application or any license issued pursuant to this application:

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture	Telephone: 717-787-9089
Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards	Fax: 717-783-4158
ATTN: Fireworks	E-mail: <a href="mailto:RA-wgths&amp;measures@pa.gov">RA-wgths&amp;measures@pa.gov</a>
2301 North Cameron Street	
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408	

## **B. Applicant’s Acknowledgments.**

The Applicant acknowledges the following:

1. The statutory authority for this license is Act 43 of 2017. The Applicant has been provided a copy of that statute within this licensure packet.
2. The referenced statute may change after a license is issued. If this occurs, the revised or new statute supersedes any contradictory or inconsistent provision or requirement set forth in this application.
3. The Facility is in compliance with the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the “Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.” Proof of that compliance (Certificate of Occupancy or other appropriate document) is attached as “**Attachment 1.**” Failure to resolve temporary occupancy issues will make the licensee unable to renew until properly resolved.
4. The Facility shall remain in compliance with the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act at all times when the license is in effect. If the Facility is not in compliance, the Applicant will notify PDA within 24 hours of learning of that noncompliant condition, advise PDA of the specific noncompliant condition and provide the timetable for rectifying this noncompliant condition. Failure to resolve the noncompliant condition may result in suspension, revocation or denial of the license.
5. The Facility is a stand-alone building dedicated exclusively the to the storage and sale of consumer fireworks and related items.
6. When consumer fireworks are delivered to the Facility, they shall be unloaded in compliance with all applicable Federal, State and Local standards.
7. Storage areas in the Facility are separated from wholesale or retail sales areas to which a person may be admitted by appropriately rated fire separation.
8. The Facility is no closer than two hundred fifty (250) feet from any facility selling or dispensing gasoline, propane or other such flammable products. This 250-foot distance shall be measured by the shortest line from the exterior of the Facility building to any gasoline, propane or flammable product storage tank or dispensing device at a facility that sells or dispenses gasoline, propane or other such flammable products.

9. The Facility is located at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from any other Facility licensed to sell consumer fireworks. This includes other facilities owned or operated by the Applicant. This 1,500-foot distance shall be measured by the shortest line from exterior of the existing Facility building to the closest exterior point of the Applicant's building.
10. The Facility conducts quarterly fire drills.
11. The Applicant has contacted the primary fire department within which the Facility is located, and has fully apprised that fire department of the nature of the business to be conducted at the Facility. The Facility is in compliance with any preplanning meeting requirements imposed by that fire department.
12. While the license is in effect, the Applicant shall, at a minimum, have security personnel on the premises of the Facility for the seven (7) days preceding and including July 4 and for the three (3) days preceding and including January 2.
13. No smoking is permitted in the Facility.
14. No cigarettes or tobacco products, matches, lighters, or any other flame-producing devices are permitted to be taken into the Facility.
15. No minors are permitted in the Facility unless accompanied by an adult. If a minor is admitted in the company of an adult, the minor is required to stay with the adult at all times while in the Facility.
16. The Facility carries at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in public and product liability insurance. The insurance policy has been procured from an insurer or surety authorized to do business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Applicant is responsible for assuring that the insuring company notifies PDA immediately upon cancellation or change of this insurance coverage. A valid certificate of insurance is attached as "**Attachment 2,**" naming PDA as an additional certificate holder for notification purposes, and evidencing proof of required insurance coverage. If the Applicant has more than one licensed facility and there is a single certificate of insurance covering more than one facility, the certificate shall reflect that there is at least \$2,000,000 in coverage with respect to each facility. Insurance coverage must be maintained for the duration of the license, failure to maintain coverage may be cause to suspend or revoke the license. It is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure the Bureau receives a current certificate of insurance from the insurance company before there is a lapse in coverage.
17. The Applicant provides its employees with documented training in the area of operational safety of the Facility. A PDA-issued form describing this training is attached as "**Attachment 3.**" The Applicant has completed this form and it is attached.
18. The Facility has a monitored burglar and fire alarm system. Proof of monitoring is attached as "**Attachment 4.**"
19. No display fireworks are stored or located at the Facility.

20. No person who appears to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs is admitted to the Facility. No liquor, beer, or wine are permitted in the Facility.
  21. No consumer fireworks or display fireworks shall be ignited within three hundred (300) feet of the Facility.
  22. Emergency evacuation plans are conspicuously posted in appropriate locations within the Facility.
  23. PDA may, as part of its consideration of this application, or in its role as licensor, request such additional information, access and records as are reasonably necessary to determining whether the Applicant or licensee is in compliance with the statute and the conditions of licensure. The Applicant will cooperate with PDA in this regard.
  24. The Applicant agrees that, if a license is issued, the Applicant shall apprise PDA of any procedures, conditions or events that violate any of the acknowledgments made in this application.
  25. If the Applicant is an individual, he/she has never been convicted of a felony criminal offense. If more than one person has an equitable ownership interest in the Applicant business, none of these persons has ever been convicted of a felony criminal offense.
  26. If the Applicant has been issued a license relating to consumer fireworks by another jurisdiction, that issuer is listed as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If any such license has been suspended or revoked by the issuing jurisdiction, an explanation of the suspension or revocation follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Application Fee, License Fee and Attachments.**

A *certified check, money order or cashier's check*, made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" for the initial application fee (**\$2,500** nonrefundable), and the annual licensing fee (see below) bearing the Applicant's name, is enclosed with this application.

Annual Licensing Fee Schedule:

- Up to 10,000 square feet - **\$7,500**
- Greater than 10,000 and up to 15,000 square feet - **\$10,000**
- Greater than 15,000 square feet - **\$20,000**

(Square feet is determined by measuring the exterior walls of the facility)

Both fees (initial application fee and annual license fee) must be submitted.

In addition, the following documents are attached and incorporated herein by reference:

1. **Attachment 1:** An occupancy permit or similar proof that the building in which the Facility is located is compliant with the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.
2. **Attachment 2:** Proof of required insurance coverage (pending receipt direct to the Bureau from insurance provider).

3. **Attachment 3:** A complete "Employee Training Record" form.
4. **Attachment 4:** Proof of monitored burglar and fire alarm system.

Additional attachments, such as Corporate Resolutions or Partnership Agreements, may be required as part of the signature process, below.

**D. Signature.**

The signature of the Applicant below is legally sufficient to bind the Applicant. There are no misrepresentations or false statements in this document. All representations in this application are made subject to the criminal penalties for unsworn falsification to authorities (Pennsylvania Crimes Code, 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904).

*Select Appropriate Signature Section (based upon type of Applicant):*

**If the Applicant is an Individual Person:**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the Applicant is a Corporation and the *Corporate Officers* are signing:**

Complete Name of Corporation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of President or VP  
 (indicate which): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Signer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Secretary or Treasurer  
 (indicate which): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Signer: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the Applicant is a Corporation and the *Authorized Representative* is signing:**

Complete Name of Corporation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Authorized  
 Corporate Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Signer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***ATTACH A COPY OF A CORPORATE RESOLUTION GRANTING THE SIGNER AUTHORITY TO BIND THE CORPORATION.***



**If the Applicant is a Partnership, all Partners must sign:**

Name of Partnership: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***ATTACH A COPY OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND ALL DOCUMENTATION  
DEMONSTRATING IDENTITY OF PARTNERS.***

## Employee Training Record

**Business Name:**

Name		Date of Birth	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Type of Training:			
Date Conducted:		Hours of Training:	
Course Title:			
Instructed By:			

Name		Date of Birth	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Type of Training:			
Date Conducted:		Hours of Training:	
Course Title:			
Instructed By:			

Name		Date of Birth	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Type of Training:			
Date Conducted:		Hours of Training:	
Course Title:			
Instructed By:			

Name		Date of Birth	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Type of Training:			
Date Conducted:		Hours of Training:	
Course Title:			
Instructed By:			

Name		Date of Birth	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Type of Training:			
Date Conducted:		Hours of Training:	
Course Title:			
Instructed By:			

UNOFFICIAL COPY:

# Fireworks Law

ACT 43 of 2017

House Bill No. 542 of 2017 (Printer's No. 2598)

Amending the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (72 P.S. § 7101 et seq.)

The following is an unofficial copy of the current fireworks law, which took effect on October 30, 2017, as Act 43 of 2017.

It is "unofficial" because it has been downloaded from the internet. In the event of any discrepancy between the text of this document and the actual legislation, the text of the legislation shall control.

Since the provisions relating to fireworks took effect on October 30, 2017, the 90-day maximum window within which current licensees must obtain new licenses runs *through January 28, 2018*.

.....

\* \* \* \* \*

Section 43. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

## ARTICLE XXIV

### FIREWORKS

#### Section 2401. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"**APA 87-1.**" The American Pyrotechnics Association Standard 87-1: *Standard for Construction and Approval for Transportation of Fireworks, Novelties, and Theatrical Pyrotechnics*, 2001 edition, or any subsequent edition.

#### "Consumer fireworks."

(1) Any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances which is intended to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, is suitable for use by the public, complies with the construction, performance, composition and labeling requirements promulgated by the Consumer Products Safety Commission in 16 CFR (relating to commercial practices) or any successor regulation and complies with the

provisions for "consumer fireworks" as defined in APA 87-1 or any successor standard, the sale, possession and use of which shall be permitted throughout this Commonwealth.

(2) The term does not include devices as "ground and hand-held sparkling devices," "novelties" or "toy caps" in APA 87-1 or any successor standard, the sale, possession and use of which shall be permitted at all times throughout this Commonwealth.

**"Display fireworks."** Large fireworks to be used solely by professional pyrotechnicians and designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation. The term includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials;
- (2) aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions; and
- (3) other display pieces that exceed the limits of explosive materials for classification as consumer fireworks and are classified as fireworks UN0333, UN0334 or UN0335 under 49 CFR 172.101 (relating to purpose and use of hazardous materials table).

**"Municipality."** A city, borough, incorporated town or township.

**"NFPA 1124."** The National Fire Protection Association Standard 1124, *Code for the Manufacture, Transportation and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles*, 2006 edition, or any subsequent edition.

**"Occupied structure."** A structure, vehicle or place adapted for overnight accommodation of persons or for conducting business whether or not a person is actually present.

**"Outdoor storage unit."** A consumer fireworks building, trailer, semitrailer, metal shipping container or magazine meeting the specifications of NFPA 1124.

**"Temporary structure."** A structure, other than a permanent facility with fixed utility connections, which is in use or in place for a period of 20 consecutive calendar days or less and is dedicated to the storage and sale of consumer fireworks and related items. The term includes temporary retail sales stands, tents, canopies and membrane structures meeting the specifications of NFPA 1124. The term shall not include a facility that is not licensed to sell consumer fireworks under this article.

#### **Section 2402. Permits.**

(a) **Permissible purposes.**--Display fireworks may be possessed and used by a person holding a permit from a municipality at the display covered by the permit or when used as authorized by a permit for any of the following:

- (1) For agricultural purposes in connection with the raising of crops and the protection of crops from bird and animal damage.
- (2) By railroads or other transportation agencies for signal purposes or illumination.
- (3) In quarrying or for blasting or other industrial use.
- (4) In the sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or theater.
- (5) For signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports.
- (6) By military organizations or organizations composed of veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

(b) *Age limitation.*--A display fireworks permit may not be issued to a person under 21 years of age.

(c) *Bond.*--The governing body of the municipality shall require a bond deemed adequate by it from the permittee in a sum not less than \$50,000 conditioned for the payment of all damages which may be caused to a person or property by reason of the display and arising from an act of the permittee or an agent, an employee or a subcontractor of the permittee.

#### **Section 2403. Request for extension.**

(a) *Authorization.*--If, because of unfavorable weather, the display for which a permit has been granted does not occur at the time authorized by the permit, the person to whom the permit was issued may within 24 hours apply for a request for extension to the municipality which granted the permit.

(b) *Contents of request.*--The request for extension shall state under oath that the display was not made, provide the reason that the display was not made and request a continuance of the permit for a date designated within the request, which shall be not later than one week after the date originally designated in the permit.

(c) *Determination.*--Upon receiving the request for extension, the municipality, if it believes that the facts stated within the request are true, shall extend the provisions of the permit to the date designated within the request, which shall be not later than one week after the date originally designated in the permit.

(d) *Conditions.*--The extension of time shall be granted without the payment of an additional fee and without requiring a bond other than the bond given for the original permit, the provisions of which shall extend to and cover all damages which may be caused by reason of the display occurring at the extended date and in the same manner and to the same extent as if the display had occurred at the date originally designated in the permit.

#### **Section 2404. Use of consumer fireworks.**

(a) *Conditions.*--A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of this article may purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks.

(b) *Prohibitions.*--A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge:

(1) Consumer fireworks on public or private property without the express permission of the owner.

(2) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.

(3) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.

(4) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.

(5) Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

#### **Section 2404.1. Use of display fireworks.**

No display fireworks shall be ignited within 300 feet of a facility that meets the requirements of section 2407 or 2410.

#### **Section 2405. Agricultural purposes.**

(a) *Authorization.*--The governing body of a municipality may, under reasonable rules and regulations adopted by it, grant permits for the use of suitable fireworks for agricultural purposes in connection with the raising of crops and the protection of crops from bird and animal damage.

(b) *Duration of permit.*--A permit under this section shall remain in effect for the calendar year in which it was issued.

(c) *Conditions.*--After a permit under this section has been granted, sales, possession and use of fireworks of the type and for the purpose mentioned in the permit shall be lawful for that purpose only.

#### **Section 2406. Rules and regulations by municipality.**

(a) *Authorization.*--Permission shall be given by the governing body of a municipality under reasonable rules and regulations for displays of display fireworks to be held within the municipality.

(b) *Conditions.*--

(1) Each display shall be:

(i) handled by a competent operator; and

(ii) of a character and so located, discharged or fired as, in the opinion of the chief of the fire department or other appropriate officer as may be designated by the governing body of the municipality, after proper inspection, to not be hazardous to property or endanger any person.

(2) After permission is granted under this section, possession and use of display fireworks for display shall be lawful for that purpose only.

(3) A permit shall be transferable.

#### **Section 2407. Sales locations.**

Except as provided in section 2410, consumer fireworks shall be sold only from facilities which are licensed by the Department of Agriculture and that meet the following criteria:

(1) The facility shall comply with the provisions of the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.

(2) The facility shall be a stand-alone permanent structure.

(3) Storage areas shall be separated from wholesale or retail sales areas to which a purchaser may be admitted by appropriately rated fire separation.

(4) The facility shall be located no closer than 250 feet from a facility selling or dispensing gasoline, propane or other flammable products.

(5) The facility shall be located at least 1,500 feet from another facility licensed to sell consumer fireworks.

(6) The facility shall have a monitored burglar and fire alarm system.

(7) Quarterly fire drills and preplanning meetings shall be conducted as required by the primary fire department.

#### **Section 2408. Fees, granting of licenses and inspections.**

(a) *Initial application fees.*--

(1) An initial application for a license to sell consumer fireworks shall be submitted to the Department of Agriculture on forms prescribed and provided by the department with a nonrefundable application fee as follows:

(i) For a facility meeting the requirements of section 2407, the application shall be submitted with a nonrefundable application fee of \$2,500.

(ii) For a facility meeting the requirements of section 2410, the application shall be submitted with a nonrefundable application fee of \$1,000 no later than 60 days prior to the first day of sale.

(2) An application under paragraph (1)(i) or (ii) shall also be accompanied by the appropriate annual license fee as provided in subsection (b).

**(b) Annual license fees.**--The annual license fee for a facility licensed to sell consumer fireworks shall be as follows:

- (1) \$7,500 for a location up to 10,000 square feet;
- (2) \$10,000 for a location greater than 10,000 and up to 15,000 square feet;
- (3) \$20,000 for a location greater than 15,000 square feet; and
- (4) \$3,000 for a temporary structure.

**(c) Time limitations and inspections.**--

(1) A facility meeting the requirements of section 2407 shall be inspected by the Department of Agriculture within 30 days of receipt of a complete application for a license. The Department of Agriculture shall issue or deny a license within 14 days of completing the inspection.

(2) The Department of Agriculture shall issue or deny a license for a facility meeting the requirements of section 2410 no later than 10 days prior to the first day of sale. The facility shall be available for inspection by the Department of Agriculture for compliance with NFPA 1124 at all times during the licensed selling period.

**(d) Term of license.**--A license issued for the sale of consumer fireworks shall be effective for one year from the date the license is issued.

**(e) License renewal and inspections.**--License renewal shall be automatic upon payment of the appropriate annual license fee under subsection (b), but each facility shall be subject to annual inspections by the Department of Agriculture and at other times as the department may deem appropriate.

**(f) Condition.**--No license may be issued to a convicted felon or to an entity in which a convicted felon owns a percentage of the equity interest.

#### **Section 2409. Conditions for facilities.**

A facility licensed by the Department of Agriculture shall be exclusively dedicated to the storage and sale of consumer fireworks and related items, and the facility shall operate in accordance with the following rules:

- (1) There shall be security personnel on the premises for the seven days preceding and including July 4 and for the three days preceding and including January 2.
- (2) No smoking shall be permitted in the facility.
- (3) No cigarettes or tobacco products, matches, lighters or any other flame-producing devices shall be permitted to be taken into the facility.
- (4) No minors shall be permitted in the facility unless accompanied by an adult, and each minor shall stay with the adult in the facility.
- (5) All facilities shall carry at least \$2,000,000 in public and product liability insurance.
- (6) A licensee shall provide its employees with documented training in the area of operational safety of a facility. The licensee shall provide to the Department of Agriculture written documentation that each employee has received the training.
- (7) No display fireworks shall be stored or located at a facility.

(8) No person who appears to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs shall be admitted to the facility, and no liquor, beer or wine shall be permitted in the facility.

(9) Emergency evacuation plans shall be conspicuously posted in appropriate locations within the facility.

#### **Section 2410. Temporary structures.**

(a) **Conditions.**--Notwithstanding section 2407 or any other provision of law, a temporary structure may be licensed by the Department of Agriculture to sell consumer fireworks if the temporary structure meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The temporary structure is located no closer than 250 feet from a facility storing, selling or dispensing gasoline, propane or other flammable products.

(2) An evacuation plan is posted in a conspicuous location for a temporary structure in accordance with NFPA 1124.

(3) The outdoor storage unit, if any, is separated from the wholesale or retail sales area to which a purchaser may be admitted by appropriately rated fire separation.

(4) The temporary structure complies with NFPA 1124 as it relates to retail sales of consumer fireworks in temporary structures.

(5) The temporary structure is located one of the following distances from a permanent facility licensed to sell consumer fireworks under the act of May 15, 1939 (P.L.134, No.65), referred to as the Fireworks Law, at the time of the effective date of this article:

(i) Prior to January 1, 2023, at least five miles.

(ii) Beginning January 1, 2023, at least two miles.

(6) The temporary structure does not exceed 2,500 square feet.

(7) The temporary structure is secured at all times during which consumer fireworks are displayed within the structure.

(8) The temporary structure has a minimum of \$2,000,000 in public and product liability insurance.

(9) The sales period is limited to June 15 through July 8 and December 21 through January 2 of each year.

(10) Consumer fireworks not on display for retail sale are stored in an outdoor storage unit.

(b) **Limitations.**--The sale of consumer fireworks from the temporary structure is limited to the following:

(1) Helicopter, Aerial Spinner (APA 87-1, 3.1.2.3).

(2) Roman Candle (APA 87-1, 3.1.2.4).

(3) Mine and shell devices not exceeding 500 grams.

#### **Section 2411. Attorney General.**

(a) **Registration.**--Any business entity which performs, provides or supervises fireworks displays or exhibitions for profit shall register annually with the Attorney General.

(b) **Rules.**--The Attorney General shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

#### **Section 2412. Consumer fireworks tax.**

(a) **Imposition.**--In addition to any other tax imposed by law, a tax is imposed on each



separate sale at retail of consumer fireworks, which tax shall be collected by the retailer from the purchaser at the time of sale and shall be paid over to the Commonwealth as provided in this section. A tax imposed under this subsection on each separate sale at retail shall be paid to and received by the Department of Revenue and, along with interest and penalties, shall be deposited into the General Fund.

**(b) Rate.**--The tax authorized under subsection (a) shall be imposed and collected at the rate of 12% of the purchase price per item sold. The purchase price shall include State and local sales taxes.

**(c) Collection and administration.**--The provisions of Part VI of Article II shall apply to the tax authorized under subsection (a). No additional fee shall be charged for a license or license renewal other than the license or renewal fee required under section 2408 and the license or renewal fee authorized and imposed under Article II.

### **Section 2413. Disposition of certain funds.**

**(a) Transfer.**--One-sixth of the tax collected under this article in a fiscal year, not to exceed \$2,000,000, shall be transferred annually for use as follows:

(1) Seventy-five percent of the amount transferred under this subsection shall be used for the purpose of making grants under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subch. C (relating to Emergency Medical Services Grant Program).

(2) Twenty-five percent of the amount transferred under this subsection shall be deposited into a special account in the State Treasury designated as the Online Training Educator and Training Reimbursement Account for the purposes of developing, delivering and sustaining training programs for volunteer firefighters in this Commonwealth.

(3) The Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall establish guidelines for use of the money deposited under paragraph (2). By December 31, 2018, and each December 31 thereafter, the Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall provide a written report detailing the use of the money received from the prior fiscal year to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives.

**(b) Payments.**--The transfer required under subsection (a) shall be made by September 15, 2018, and each September 15 thereafter.

### **Section 2414. Penalties.**

The following shall apply:

(1) A person using consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this article commits a summary offense and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

(2) A person selling consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this act commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(3) A person selling display fireworks in violation of the provisions of this act commits a felony of the third degree.

(4) A person selling federally illegal explosives such as devices as described in 49 CFR 173.54 (relating to forbidden explosives) or those devices that have not been tested, approved and labeled by the United States Department of Transportation, including, but not

limited to, those devices commonly referred to as "M-80," "M-100," "blockbuster," "cherry bomb" or "quarter or half stick" explosive devices, in violation of the provisions of this act commits a felony of the third degree.

**Section 2415. Removal, storage and destruction.**

The Pennsylvania State Police, a sheriff or police officer shall take, remove or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner all stocks of consumer fireworks or display fireworks or combustibles offered or exposed for sale, stored or held in violation of this article. The owner shall also be responsible for the storage and, if deemed necessary, the destruction of these fireworks.

**Section 2416. Transition.**

A person who, on the effective date of this section, holds a license under the act of May 15, 1939 (P.L.134, No.65), referred to as the Fireworks Law, may continue the activity permitted by the license for a period of 90 days following the effective date of this section or the date the license expires by the terms of the license, whichever is sooner. After the expiration of the 90-day period or the license, whichever is sooner, the person must obtain the license required under this article to continue the permitted activity, if applicable.

\* \* \* \* \*

Section 48. Repeals are as follows:

\* \* \* \* \*

(4) The act of May 15, 1939 (P.L.134, No.65), referred to as the Fireworks Law, is repealed.

Section 49. This act shall take effect as follows:

\* \* \* \* \*

- (6) The following provisions shall take effect immediately:
  - (i) This section.
  - (ii) The remainder of this act.