
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 58

Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY J. L. WRIGHT AND BURNS, JANUARY 19, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 19, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 15, 1939 (P.L.134, No.65), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act relating to fireworks; defining fireworks;
3 prohibiting the sale, offering or exposing for sale and use
4 of fireworks, except in certain cases; authorizing cities,
5 boroughs, towns and townships to issue permits for fireworks
6 displays, and to regulate the same; imposing duties on the
7 Pennsylvania State Police, sheriffs, police officers and
8 constables; and providing penalties," further providing for
9 unlawful acts.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 2, act of May 15, 1939 (P.L.134, No.65),
13 referred to as the Fireworks Law, is amended to read:

14 Section 2. Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be
15 unlawful for any person, copartnership, association or
16 corporation to offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail,
17 possess, or use or explode any fireworks: Provided, That the
18 governing body of any city, borough, town or township shall have
19 power, under reasonable rules and regulations adopted by it, to
20 grant permits for supervised public displays of fireworks to be
21 held therein by municipalities, fair associations, amusement

1 parks and other organizations or groups of individuals. Every
2 such display shall be handled by a competent operator to be
3 approved by the governing body of the municipality in which the
4 display is to be held, and shall be of such a character and so
5 located, discharged or fired as in the opinion of the chief of
6 the fire department or such other officer as may be designated
7 by the governing body of the municipality after proper
8 inspection shall not be hazardous to property or endanger any
9 person or persons. Application for permits shall be made in
10 writing at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the date of the
11 display. After such privilege shall have been granted, sales,
12 possession, use and distribution of fireworks for such display
13 shall be lawful for that purpose only. No permit granted
14 hereunder shall be transferable.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.