

# Legislative Analysis



## ALLOW FIREWORKS ON JUNETEENTH

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**House Bill 5897 as introduced**

**Sponsor: Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, M.Ed.**

**Committee: Regulatory Reform**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5897 would amend the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act to add June 18 and June 19 (Juneteenth) to the list of days for which a local ordinance could not regulate the ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks after 11 a.m.

The act allows a local unit of government to enact an ordinance that regulates the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks, including the hours during which the fireworks may be used. However, the act, rather than a local ordinance, regulates the use of fireworks by consumers on certain days specified in the act. For instance, fireworks use is regulated by the act on New Year's Eve, the Fourth of July, and Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

Under the bill, a local unit of government could not regulate the use of fireworks by a consumer after 11 a.m. on June 18 and 19 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

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### BACKGROUND:

Juneteenth is an annual holiday that celebrates the date—June 19, 1865—that Union soldiers brought the news to Texas that the Civil War had ended and that President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation, ending slavery there, on January 1, 1863. Juneteenth is celebrated across the nation to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5897 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the state and on local units of government. The addition of the two days, June 18 and June 19, expands the time frame under which civil fines could be imposed for violations. Under section 18a(5) of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, civil fines are required to be paid to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA); therefore, any increase in civil fine revenue collected would benefit the state department. The fiscal impact on local court systems would depend on how provisions of the bill affected caseloads and related administrative costs.

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