

**EXPLOSIVES ACT OF 1970**  
**Act 202 of 1970**

AN ACT to regulate the possession, handling, storage, control, use, sale, purchase, transfer, transportation or other disposition of explosives; to provide for permits in connection therewith; and to provide penalties.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**29.41 Explosives; short title.**

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “explosives act of 1970”.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

**29.42 Definitions.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) “Explosive” means blasting powder, nitroglycerine, dynamite, TNT and any other form of high explosive, blasting material, fuse other than an electric circuit breaker, detonator and other detonating agent, a chemical compound or mechanical mixture containing oxidizing or combustible units, or other ingredients, in such proportions, quantities or packing that ignition by fire, friction, concussion or other means of detonation of the compound or mixture or any part thereof may result in the sudden generation and release of highly heated gases or gaseous pressures capable of producing effects damaging or detrimental to or destructive of life, limb or property. An explosive does not include gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, turpentine, butane, propane, wet nitrocellulose or wet nitrostarch containing moisture in excess of 20%, or wet picric acid containing moisture in excess of 10%; or manufactured article such as fixed ammunition for small arms, fire crackers, safety flares or matches containing an explosive in such limited quantity that the collective and simultaneous detonation thereof is incapable of resulting in the sudden generation and release of highly heated gases or gaseous pressures capable of producing effects damaging or detrimental to or destructive of life, limb or property.

(b) “Dealer” means a person, not a manufacturer, engaged in the business of buying and selling explosives.

(c) “Person” means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity but does not include an officer of a law enforcement agency or of a fire department, while acting in his official capacity.

(d) “Director” means the director of the department of state police.

(e) “Issuing officer” means an officer of a local police or sheriff’s department, or a designated officer of the state police.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

**29.43 Disposition of explosives; permit required, exceptions.**

Sec. 3. A person shall not handle, store, control, use, sell, purchase, transfer, transport or otherwise dispose of an explosive unless he has applied for, obtained and has on his person a valid permit as prescribed by this act, except that:

(a) This section does not apply to an employee, or agent other than an independent contractor, acting in the scope and course of his employment or agency and under the supervision of his employer or principal, where the employer or principal has applied for and obtained a valid permit.

(b) A person need not have the permit on his person where he is only storing explosives.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

**29.44 Permit; application, contents, fee.**

Sec. 4. A permit may be issued by an issuing officer upon the completion in writing by the applicant on forms prescribed and provided by the director, of an application, the content of which shall at least include the (a) name, (b) address, (c) date of birth, (d) social security number, and (e) signature of the applicant. The applicant shall also indicate in writing the intended use of the explosive for which the permit is to be issued, and whether he has been convicted of a felony within 5 years. A fee of \$1.00 shall accompany each application. All fees shall be retained by the local law enforcement office as full compensation for processing the permit.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

**29.45 Permit; age of applicant, mental competence.**

Sec. 5. A permit shall not be issued to an applicant who has not, on or before the date of application, Rendered Thursday, April 30, 2015

attained the age of 18 years or who has been duly adjudged insane, unless subsequently restored by court order to full mental competency and capacity.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

#### **29.46 Permit; copies, disposition; duration.**

Sec. 6. A permit shall be issued in triplicate; the original shall be forwarded to the director, a copy shall be furnished to the applicant on the same day as the application is filed and approved and a copy shall remain on file with the issuing officer. Unless subsequently revoked, a permit is valid for 1 year after the date of issuance.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

#### **29.47 Permit; refusal, grounds; notice.**

Sec. 7. A permit may be refused to an applicant where the issuing officer has reasonable cause to believe that granting the permit would constitute a substantial and immediate danger to the public health, safety and welfare. Notice of refusal to issue a permit shall be given the applicant on the same day his application is made. Within 3 days thereafter, the issuing officer shall send to the applicant, by certified mail, a copy of the notice of refusal together with a statement in writing of the reason for the refusal.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

#### **29.48 Permit; refusal, application for review; hearing, order of determination; judicial review.**

Sec. 8. Within 15 days after the notice of refusal, the applicant may request, in writing on a form prescribed and provided by the director, a review by the director of the refusal. Within 30 days after receipt by the director of the application for review, he, or his duly authorized representative, shall conduct a hearing on the refusal and shall issue an order of determination on the review. The director shall send, by certified mail, to the applicant and to the issuing officer, a copy of his order of determination. The director's order of determination shall be reviewable, upon timely appeal, by the circuit court for the county of the applicant's residence or by the circuit court for the county of Ingham.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

#### **29.49 Permit; revocation, grounds; procedures.**

Sec. 9. An issuing officer may revoke a permit when he has reasonable cause to believe that its possession by the holder constitutes a substantial and immediate danger to the public health, safety and welfare. The procedures set forth in this act applicable to the refusal of issuance of a permit shall apply to revocation.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

#### **29.50 Permanent permit; issuance.**

Sec. 10. The director may in his discretion issue a permanent permit to persons of known moral character, who have constant legitimate use of explosives.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

#### **29.51 Dealer; records, contents, disposition; duty as to permit.**

Sec. 11. (1) A dealer shall keep and maintain such records on such forms as are prescribed and provided by the director, which records shall include (a) an amount of each sale, transfer or other disposition of explosives by him, (b) the date thereof, the name, age, address and permit number of the purchaser or transferee, and (c) the amount and type of explosive sold or transferred. The records shall be forwarded to the director on the last day of each month.

(2) A dealer or person shall not sell or otherwise transfer an explosive without first ascertaining that the purchaser or transferee has on his person and displays a valid permit.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

#### **29.52 Permit; nonassignability.**

Sec. 12. A person holding a valid permit shall not assign or transfer it to any other person.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

#### **29.53 Explosives; storage.**

Sec. 13. All explosives, other than those in use or transit as permitted by this act, shall be stored in a locked building or out building which shall be rigidly fixed to its base or foundation. Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate R 28.131 through R 28.200 of the Michigan administrative code.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

**29.54 Explosives; handling while intoxicated prohibited.**

Sec. 14. A person shall not handle an explosive while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

**29.55 Violation of act; penalty.**

Sec. 15. A person who violates any provision of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.

**History:** 1970, Act 202, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

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