

MICHIGAN FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 256 of 2011

28.452 Definitions.

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

(a) "Agricultural and wildlife fireworks" means fireworks devices distributed to farmers, ranchers, and growers through a wildlife management program administered by the United States Department of the Interior or the department of natural resources of this state.

(b) "APA Standard 87-1" means the "APA Standard 87-1, Standard for Construction and Approval for Transportation of Fireworks, Novelties, and Theatrical Pyrotechnics", 2001 edition, published by the American Pyrotechnics Association of Bethesda, Maryland.

(c) "Articles pyrotechnic" means pyrotechnic devices for professional use that are similar to consumer fireworks in chemical composition and construction but not intended for consumer use, that meet the weight limits for consumer fireworks but are not labeled as such, and that are classified as UN0431 or UN0432 under 49 CFR 172.101.

(d) "Citation" means that term as described in section 17a.

(e) "Commercial manufacturer" means a person engaged in the manufacture of consumer fireworks.

(f) "Consumer fireworks" means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA Standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks does not include low-impact fireworks.

(g) "Consumer fireworks certificate" means a certificate issued under section 4.

(h) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.

(i) "Display fireworks" means large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as provided in 27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA Standard 87-1, 4.1.

(j) "Firework" or "fireworks" means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks, low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, homemade fireworks, and special effects.

(k) "Fireworks safety fund" means the fireworks safety fund created in section 11.

(l) "Homemade fireworks" means any composition or device designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation that is not produced by a commercial manufacturer and does not comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507.

(m) "Local unit of government" means a city, village, or township.

(n) "Low-impact fireworks" means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA Standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

(o) "Minor" means an individual who is less than 18 years of age.

(p) "NFPA" means the National Fire Protection Association headquartered at 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts.

(q) "NFPA 1" means the "Uniform Fire Code", 2006 edition, developed by NFPA.

(r) "NFPA 72" means the "National Fire Alarm Code", 2002 edition, developed by NFPA.

(s) "NFPA 101" means the "Life Safety Code", 2009 edition, developed by NFPA.

(t) "NFPA 1123" means the "Code for Fireworks Display", 2010 edition, developed by NFPA.

(u) "NFPA 1124" means the "Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles", 2006 edition, developed by NFPA.

(v) "NFPA 1126" means the "Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience", 2011 edition, developed by NFPA.

(w) "Novelties" means that term as defined under APA Standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 and all of the following:

(i) Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistols in sheets, strips, rolls, or individual caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.

(ii) Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph (i) are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to form a missile by the explosion.

(iii) Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter.

(iv) Toy snakes not containing mercury, if packed in cardboard boxes with not more than 12 pieces per box for retail sale and if the manufacturer's name and the quantity contained in each box are printed on the box, and toy smoke devices.

(x) "Permanent building or structure" is a building or structure that is affixed to a foundation on a site that has fixed utility connections and that is intended to remain on the site for more than 180 consecutive calendar days.

(y) "Person" means an individual, agent, association, charitable organization, company, limited liability company, corporation, labor organization, legal representative, partnership, unincorporated organization, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(z) "Retailer" means a person that sells consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks for resale to an individual for ultimate use.

(aa) "Retail location" means a facility listed under NFPA 1124, 7.1.2.

(bb) "Rule" means a rule, as that term is defined in section 7 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.207, promulgated by the department.

(cc) "Serious impairment of a body function" means that term as defined in section 58c of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.58c.

(dd) "Serious violation" means a violation of this act, an order issued under this act, or a rule promulgated or adopted by reference under this act for which a substantial probability exists that death or serious impairment of a body function to an individual other than the violator may result unless the violator did not and could not, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, know of the presence of the violation.

(ee) "Special effects" means a combination of chemical elements or chemical compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and designed and intended to produce an audible, visual, mechanical, or thermal effect as an integral part of a motion picture, radio, television, theatrical, or opera production or live entertainment.

(ff) "State fire marshal" means the state fire marshal appointed under section 1b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1b.

(gg) "Warehouse" means a permanent building or structure used primarily for the storage of consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks.

(hh) "Wholesaler" means a person that sells consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks to a retailer or any other person for resale. Wholesaler does not include a person that sells only display fireworks or special effects.

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