## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

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#### HB5674

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 128

425 ILCS 35/2 425 ILCS 35/2.2 425 ILCS 35/2.3

Amends the Pyrotechnic Use Act. Removes the prohibition of the possession, sale, or use of consumer fireworks. Provides that any individual that handles a consumer display must adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Office of the State Fire Marshal concerning consumer fireworks. Removes provisions that require any person buying or receiving consumer fireworks to have an applicable permit.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Pyrotechnic Use Act is amended by changing
Sections 2, 2.2, and 2.3 as follows:

6 (425 ILCS 35/2) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 128)

7 Sec. 2. Possession, sale, and use of fireworks. Except as hereinafter provided it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, 8 9 co-partnership, or corporation to knowingly possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any 10 display fireworks, or flame effects, or consumer fireworks; 11 provided that city councils in cities, the president and board 12 13 of trustees in villages and incorporated towns, and outside the 14 corporate limits of cities, villages and incorporated towns, the county board, shall have power to adopt reasonable rules 15 16 and regulations for the granting of permits for pyrotechnic and 17 consumer displays.

18 (Source: P.A. 93-263, eff. 7-22-03; 94-658, eff. 1-1-06.)

19 (425 ILCS 35/2.2)

20 Sec. 2.2. Consumer displays. <u>Any individual that handles a</u> 21 <u>consumer display must adhere to the guidelines set forth by the</u> 22 Office of the State Fire Marshal concerning consumer fireworks.

Each consumer display shall be handled by a competent 1 2 individual who has received training from a consumer fireworks training class approved by the Office of the State Fire 3 Marshal. Applications for consumer display permits shall be 4 made in writing at least 15 days in advance of the date of the 5 display, unless agreed to otherwise by the local jurisdiction 6 issuing the permit and the fire chief of the jurisdiction in 7 which the display will occur. After a permit has been granted, 8 sales, possession, use, and distribution of consumer fireworks 9 for display shall be lawful for that purpose only. No permit 10 11 granted hereunder shall be transferable.

Permits may be granted hereunder to any adult individual applying for a permit who provides proof that he or she has received the requisite training. The local jurisdiction issuing the permit is authorized to conduct a criminal background check of the applicant as a condition of issuing a permit.

A permit shall be issued only after inspection of the display site by the fire chief providing fire protection coverage to the area of display, or his or her designee, to determine that the display is in full compliance with the rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuer of a permit from adopting more stringent rules.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-658, eff. 1-1-06.)

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(425 ILCS 35/2.3)

2 Sec. 2.3. Consumer distributors and retailers. No person may act as a consumer distributor or retailer or advertise or 3 use any title implying that the person is a consumer 4 5 distributor or retailer unless registered with the Office of No consumer fireworks may be 6 the State Fire Marshal. 7 distributed, sold, transferred, or provided free of charge to 8 an individual who has not been issued a permit in accordance 9 with Section 2.2 of this Act or has not registered with the 10 Office of the State Fire Marshal in accordance with this 11 Section. No person may sell to a single individual a quantity 12 of consumer fireworks exceeding 499 pounds without prior 13 approval by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal, in the name of the People, through the Attorney 14 15 General, the State's Attorney of any county, any resident of 16 the State, or any legal entity within the State may apply for 17 injunctive relief in any court to enjoin any person who has not registered from distributing or selling consumer fireworks. 18 Upon filing a verified petition in court, the court, if 19 satisfied by affidavit, or otherwise, that the person is or has 20 been distributing in violation of this Act, may enter a 21 22 temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction, without 23 bond, enjoining the defendant from further activity. A copy of the verified complaint shall be served upon the defendant and 24 25 the proceedings are to be conducted as in other civil cases. 26 The court may enter a judgment permanently enjoining a HB5674 - 4 - LRB097 17896 KMW 63119 b

defendant from further unregistered activity if it is established that the defendant has been or is distributing in violation of this Act. In case of violation of any injunctive order or judgment entered under this Section, the court may summarily try and punish the offender for contempt of court. Injunctive proceedings are in addition to all penalties and other remedies in this Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-658, eff. 1-1-06.)