

MICHIGAN FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 256 of 2011

***** 28.462.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 19, 2020 *****

28.462.amended Prohibited conduct; permission required; violation as civil infraction; civil fine; sale to minor; definitions; violation of smoking prohibition; civil fine; signage.

Sec. 12. (1) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person that violates this subsection is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

(2) A person shall not sell consumer fireworks to a minor. A person that violates this subsection shall be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or, for a second or subsequent violation of this subsection, a civil fine of not more than \$2,500.00. For a second or subsequent violation, the department shall suspend the person's consumer fireworks certificate for 90 days beginning on the date a civil fine is ordered. The age of an individual purchasing consumer fireworks shall be verified by any of the following:

(a) An operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.

(b) An official state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

(c) An enhanced driver license or enhanced official state personal identification card issued under the enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308.

(d) A military identification card.

(e) A passport.

(f) Any other bona fide photograph identification that establishes the identity and age of the individual.

(3) An individual shall not discharge, ignite, or use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance. A person that violates this subsection is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Alcoholic liquor" means that term as defined in section 1d of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1d.

(b) "Controlled substance" means that term as defined in section 8b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.8b.

(4) An individual who violates the smoking prohibition described in NFPA 1124, 7.3.11.1, regardless of the type or quantity of consumer or low-impact fireworks present, is responsible for a civil fine of \$1,000.00.

(5) Signage stating the smoking prohibition described in subsection (4) satisfies the requirements of NFPA 1124.

(6) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks in a manner that is intended to harass, scare, or injure livestock. As used in this subsection, "livestock" means that term as defined in section 3 of the animal industry act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.703.

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