

**THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 328 of 1931**

**750.243b Permit for use or sale of fireworks.**

Sec. 243b. (1) The legislative body of a city, village, or township, upon application in writing, on forms provided by the bureau of fire services created in section 1b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1b, may grant a permit for the use of fireworks otherwise prohibited by section 243a, within the city, village, or township, manufactured for outdoor pest control or agricultural purposes, or for public display by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, or other organizations or groups of individuals approved by the city, village, or township authority, if the applicable provisions of this act are complied with. The permits shall be on forms provided by the bureau of fire services. After a permit has been granted, sales, possession, or transportation of fireworks for the purposes described in the permit only may be made. A permit granted under this subsection is not transferable and shall not be issued to a person under the age of 18 years.

(2) The legislative body of a city, village, or township, upon application in writing, may grant a permit, on forms provided by the bureau of fire services, to a resident wholesale dealer or jobber to have in his possession within the city, village, or township, fireworks otherwise prohibited by section 243a, for sale only to holders of permits as provided in this section. A permit granted under this subsection is not transferable, nor shall a permit be issued to a person under the age of 18 years.

(3) Before a permit for a pyrotechnic display is issued, the person, firm, or corporation applying for the permit shall furnish proof of financial responsibility by a bond or insurance in an amount, character, and form deemed necessary by the local governing authority to satisfy claims for damages to property or personal injuries arising out of an act or omission on the part of the person, firm, or corporation, or an agent or employee thereof, and to protect the public.

(4) A permit shall not be issued under this act to a nonresident person, firm, or corporation for conduct of a pyrotechnic display in this state until the person, firm, or corporation has appointed in writing a resident member of the bar of this state or a resident agent to be the legal representative upon whom all process in an action or proceeding against the person, firm, or corporation may be served.

(5) The local governing authority shall rule on the competency and qualifications of operators of pyrotechnic displays, as the operator has furnished in his application form, and on the time, place, and safety aspects of the displays before granting permits.

**History:** Add. 1968, Act 358, Eff. Jan. 1, 1969;—Am. 1972, Act 14, Imd. Eff. Feb. 19, 1972;—Am. 1976, Act 36, Imd. Eff. Mar. 9, 1976;—Am. 2006, Act 209, Imd. Eff. June 19, 2006.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of certain powers and duties of the department of state police, and its director, to the director of the department of labor and economic growth by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.