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By: Rep. Stephens

HOUSE BILL 1285

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 224 OF 1961 [ARK. STAT. 82-1701] TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION, SALE OR USE OF SKY ROCKETS OR BOTTLE ROCKETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 224 of 1961, the same being Arkansas Statutes 82-1701, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, sell or use, within the State of Arkansas or ship into the State of Arkansas, except as provided in Section 3, any pyrotechnics, commonly known as "fireworks," other than the permissible items herein enumerated, except as herein provided.

(B) The permissible fireworks consist of those defined in Interstate Commerce Commission regulations described as Class C Fireworks only, and shall include the following:

(1) Roman Candles, with no handle or spike affixed thereto, not exceeding ten (10) balls spaced uniformly in the tube, total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed twenty (20) grams each in weight. The inside tube diameter shall not exceed 3/8 inch.

(2) Helicopter type rockets, total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed twenty (20) grams each in weight. The inside tube diameter shall not exceed 1/2 inch.

(3) Cylindrical fountains, total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed seventy-five (75) grams each in weight. The inside tube diameter shall not exceed 3/4 inch.

(4) Cone fountains, total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed fifty (50) grams each in weight.

(5) Wheels, total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed sixty (60) grams or for each driver unit or two hundred and forty (240) grams for each

complete wheel. The inside tube diameter of driver units shall not exceed | inch.

(6) Illuminating torches and colored fire in any form, except items included in subparagraph (12), total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed one hundred (100) grams in weight.

(7) Sparklers and dipped sticks, total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed one hundred (100) grams each in weight. Pyrotechnic composition containing any chlorate or perchlorate shall not exceed five (5) grams.

(8) Mines and shells of which the mortar is an integral part, total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed forty (40) grams each in weight.

(9) Firecrackers and salutes with casings, the external dimensions of which do not exceed one and one half (1|) inches in length or one quarter (\) inch in diameter, and other items designed to produce an audible effect, total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed two (2) grams each in weight.

(10) Novelties consisting of two (2) or more devices enumerated in this paragraph, trick matches, and cigarette plugs, when approved by the Federal Bureau of Explosives.

(11) Railway fuses, truck flares, hand ship distress signals, smoke signals and smoke pots.

No component of any device, listed in this Section, which is designed to produce an audible effect shall contain pyrotechnic composition in excess of two (2) grams in weight excluding propelling or expelling charges.

(C) A sky rocket, also known as a bottle rocket, shall not be a permissible item."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the use of sky rockets, also known as bottle rockets, by the general public results in numerous injuries each year. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

