

CHAPTER 181

FIREWORKS

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AN ACT to prohibit the sale, offering or exposing for sale of fireworks; defining fireworks and to regulate the manner of using fireworks, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. The term fireworks shall mean and include any ex-
2 plosive composition, or combination of explosive substances, or article
3 prepared for the purpose of producing a visible audible effect by
4 combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include
5 blank cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, or toy guns in
6 which explosives are used, balloons which require fire underneath to
7 propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, sky-rockets, Roman candles,
8 Daygo bombs, or other fireworks of like construction and any fire-
9 works containing any explosive or inflammable compound, or other
10 device containing any explosive substance.

1 SEC. 2. Except as hereinafter provided it shall be unlawful for
2 any person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation to offer for sale, ex-
3 pose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks; provided
4 the council of any city or town or the trustees of any township may,
5 upon application in writing, grant a permit for the display of fire-
6 works by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, and other
7 organizations or groups of individuals approved by such city, town,
8 or township authorities when such fireworks display will be handled
9 by a competent operator but no such permit shall be required for
10 such display of fire works at the Iowa state fair grounds by the Iowa
11 state fair board nor of incorporated county fairs nor of district fairs
12 receiving state aid. After such privilege shall have been granted
13 sales of fireworks for such display may be made for that purpose only;
14 provided further, that nothing in this act shall be construed to pro-
15 hibit any resident, dealer, manufacturer, or jobber from selling such
16 fireworks as are not herein prohibited; or the sale of any kind of fire-
17 works provided the same are to be shipped out of the state; or the
18 sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or theatre, or for signal
19 purposes in athletic sports or by railroads, trucks, for signal purposes,
20 or by a recognized military organization; and provided further that
21 nothing in this act shall apply to any substance or composition pre-
22 pared and sold for medicinal or fumigation purposes.

1 SEC. 3. Any person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation violating
2 the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon
3 conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hun-
4 dred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding ninety
5 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SEC. 4. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after
2 January 1, 1938.

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