

House File 702 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 44)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the sale and regulation of consumer fireworks.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 10A.519, subsection 4, paragraph c,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) At a permanent building that meets the requirements of
4 paragraph "a", ~~between June 1 and July 8 and between December 10~~
5 ~~and January 3 each year, all dates inclusive.~~

6 Sec. 2. Section 331.301, subsection 17, Code 2025, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 17. The board of supervisors may by ordinance or resolution
9 prohibit or limit the use of consumer fireworks or display
10 fireworks, as described in section 727.2, on any day other than
11 July 3, July 4, and December 31 in accordance with section 727.2,
12 subsection 4, if the board determines that the use of such
13 devices would constitute a threat to public safety or private
14 property, or if the board determines that the use of such devices
15 would constitute a nuisance to neighboring landowners.

16 Sec. 3. Section 364.2, subsection 6, Code 2025, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 6. A city council may by ordinance or resolution prohibit
19 or limit the use of consumer fireworks, display fireworks, or
20 novelties, as described in section 727.2, on any day other than
21 July 3, July 4, and December 31 in accordance with section 727.2,
22 subsection 4.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill relates to limitations on the sale and regulation of
27 consumer fireworks.

28 The bill allows for consumer fireworks to be sold from a
29 permanent structure at any time throughout the year. Current
30 law prohibits the sale of fireworks from a permanent structure
31 on dates other than between June 1 and July 8 and between
32 December 10 and January 3. The bill does not amend the current
33 restriction on the sale of fireworks from a temporary structure
34 (June 13 to July 8).

35 The bill prohibits a county board of supervisors or city

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1 council from restricting or limiting the use of consumer
2 fireworks, display fireworks, or novelties, as described in Code
3 section 727.2, on July 3, July 4, or December 31 in accordance
4 with Code section 727.2(4). Under current law, Code section
5 727.2(4) provides that a person shall not use or explode consumer
6 fireworks on days other than June 1 through July 8 and December
7 10 through January 3 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00
8 p.m. with the following exceptions: on July 4 and the Saturdays
9 and Sundays immediately preceding and following July 4, between
10 the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.; between the hours of 9:00
11 a.m. on December 31 and 12:30 a.m. on January 1; and between the
12 hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the Saturdays and Sundays
13 immediately preceding and following December 31.

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