



153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 63
SPONSOR: Representative Wilson-Anton
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:

This Act regulates fireworks sales through a permit system, ensuring consumer awareness through required safety information, and generating revenue for the Fire Marshal's office to improve oversight and public education for selling or possessing fireworks.

Affected Entities:

Local fire companies, State Fire Prevention Commission, State Fire Marshal and State Fire School.

Fiscal Impact:

This Act establishes a retail sales permit fee of \$100, wholesale License fee of \$100, an inspection fee of \$25 for temporary physical structures, and a separate \$25 inspection fee for fireworks inventory. The State Fire Marshal estimates 100 retail stores and 5 wholesale firework companies would be impacted. Delaware State Fire Marshal would inspect all locations registered and issued a permit to sell consumer fireworks in Delaware during the three (3) 15-day allowable sales period to ensure compliance. The State Fire Marshal estimates the following revenues will be generated upon enactment:

- Retail Sales Permit Fee revenues of \$10,000 - 30,000.
- Wholesale License Fee revenues of \$500.
- Inspection Fee for temporary structures revenues of \$2,500 - \$7,500.

Intended Use of Revenue:

Funds generated through the application registration and inspection fees would be retained by the State Fire Marshal in a special fund. The revenue generated would be used by the State Fire Marshal to ensure compliance, education and awareness with local fire companies in case of an emergency.

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