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## **SB 1220**

Introduced by

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-1606, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-1606, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 36-1606. Consumer fireworks regulation; state preemption;  
5 further regulation of fireworks by local  
6 jurisdiction

7 A. The sale and use of permissible consumer fireworks are of  
8 statewide concern. The regulation of permissible consumer fireworks  
9 pursuant to this article and their sale or use is not subject to further  
10 regulation by a governing body, except as follows:

11 1. In a county with a population of more than five hundred thousand  
12 persons, a city or town within its corporate limits or the county within  
13 the unincorporated areas of the county may do all of the following:

14 (a) Regulate, consistent with the standards set forth in NFPA 1124,  
15 the sale of permissible consumer fireworks within its corporate limits.

16 (b) Prohibit the sale of permissible consumer fireworks on days  
17 other than ~~April 25 through May 6~~, May 20 through July ~~6~~ 5 and December  
18 10 through January ~~3~~ 1 of each year ~~and two days before the first day of~~  
19 ~~Diwali through the third day of Diwali each year.~~

20 (c) Prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks on days  
21 other than ~~May 4 through May 6, June 24~~ JULY 4 through July ~~6~~ 5 and  
22 December ~~26~~ 31 through January ~~4~~ 1 of each year and the second and third  
23 days of Diwali of each year.

24 (d) Prohibit on all days the use of permissible consumer fireworks  
25 within a one-mile radius of the border of preservation lands owned by a  
26 city or town that has purchased more than fifteen thousand acres of land  
27 for preservation purposes.

28 (e) Prohibit on all days during a stage one or higher fire  
29 restriction the use of permissible consumer fireworks within a one-mile  
30 radius of the border of any municipal or county mountain preserve, desert  
31 park, regional park, designated conservation area, national forest or  
32 wilderness area.

33 (f) Prohibit on all days the use of permissible consumer fireworks  
34 between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except:

35 (i) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. on December 31 of each year  
36 through 1:00 a.m. on January 1 of each year.

37 (ii) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. on July 4 of each year through  
38 1:00 a.m. on July 5 of each year.

39 2. In a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand  
40 persons, a city or town within its corporate limits or the county within  
41 the unincorporated areas of the county may do all of the following:

42 (a) Regulate, consistent with the standards set forth in NFPA 1124,  
43 the sale of permissible consumer fireworks.

44 (b) Prohibit the sale of permissible consumer fireworks on days  
45 other than May 20 through July ~~6~~ 5 and December 10 through January ~~3~~ 1

1 of each year. The sale of permissible consumer fireworks may be  
2 prohibited on days between May 20 through July ~~6~~ 5 and December 10  
3 through January ~~3~~ 1 of each year if a federal or state agency implements  
4 a stage one or higher fire restriction. Any prohibition during those  
5 dates is limited to only the dates when the stage one or higher fire  
6 restriction is in place.

7 (c) Prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks on days  
8 other than ~~June 24~~ JULY 4 through July ~~6~~ 5 and December ~~26~~ 31 through  
9 January ~~4~~ 1 of each year. The use of permissible consumer fireworks may  
10 be prohibited during ~~June 24~~ JULY 4 through July ~~6~~ 5 and December ~~26~~ 31  
11 through January ~~4~~ 1 of each year if a federal or state agency implements  
12 a stage one or higher fire restriction. Any prohibition during those  
13 dates is limited to only the dates when the stage one or higher fire  
14 restriction is in place.

15 (d) Prohibit on all days the use of permissible consumer fireworks  
16 within a one-mile radius of the border of preservation lands owned by a  
17 city or town that has purchased more than fifteen thousand acres of land  
18 for preservation purposes.

19 (e) Prohibit on all days the use of permissible consumer fireworks  
20 within a one-mile radius of the border of any municipal or county mountain  
21 preserve, desert park, regional park, designated conservation area,  
22 national forest or wilderness area.

23 (f) Prohibit on all days the use of permissible consumer fireworks  
24 between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except:

25 (i) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. on December 31 of each year  
26 through 1:00 a.m. on January 1 of each year.

27 (ii) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. on July 4 of each year through  
28 1:00 a.m. on July 5 of each year.

29 B. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
30 MAY NOT REGULATE OR PROHIBIT ON ANY DAY THE USE OF PERMISSIBLE CONSUMER  
31 FIREWORKS IF THE FIREWORKS ARE BEING USED AS PART OF AN ESTABLISHED  
32 RELIGIOUS CEREMONY.

33 ~~B.~~ C. A governing body that chooses to regulate, consistent with  
34 the requirements set forth in NFPA 1124 and subsection A of this section,  
35 the sale or use of permissible consumer fireworks may not require any  
36 additional signage requirements for the sale or use of permissible  
37 consumer fireworks other than those signage requirements stipulated in  
38 NFPA 1124, except that additional signage that is eight and one-half  
39 inches by eleven inches in size, that is on cardstock paper in landscape  
40 orientation, ~~that lists the days of that year that are described in~~  
41 ~~subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section relating to the time frame~~  
42 ~~surrounding Diwali~~ and that contains the following language on a  
43 contrasting background may be posted by the retail sales display of  
44 permissible consumer fireworks:

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State of Arizona  
Consumer Fireworks Regulations  
Arizona Revised Statutes section 36-1601, et al.

The use of permissible consumer fireworks  
as defined under state law is allowed:

~~May 4 - May 6, June 24~~ JULY 4 - July ~~6~~ 5 and December ~~26~~ 31 -  
January ~~4~~ 1 The sale of permissible consumer fireworks

as defined under state law is allowed:

~~April 25 - May 6,~~ May 20 - July ~~6~~ 5 and December 10 - January ~~3~~ 1

All other fireworks are prohibited, except  
as authorized by local fire department permit.

The sale and use of novelties known as snappers (pop-its),  
party poppers, glow worms, snakes, toy smoke devices and  
sparklers are permitted at all times.

Permissible consumer fireworks may not be sold to  
persons under sixteen years of age.

Check with your local fire department for additional  
regulations and dates before using.

~~e.~~ D. This article does not prohibit the imposition by ordinance  
of further regulations and prohibitions by a governing body on the sale,  
use and possession of fireworks other than permissible consumer  
fireworks. A governing body may not allow or authorize the sale, use or  
possession of any fireworks in violation of this article.