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AN ACT to amend the penal law and the executive law, in relation to offenses relating to possession or sale of fireworks, sparkling devices and ammunition

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 270.00 of the penal law, as
2 amended by chapter 180 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 1. Definition of "fireworks," "ARTICLES PYROTECHNIC" and "dangerous
5 fireworks".
6 (A) The term "fireworks," as used in this section, [is defined and
7 declared to be and to include any blank cartridge, blank cartridge
8 pistol, or toy cannon in which explosives are used, firecrackers, spark-
9 lers or other combustible or explosive of like construction, or any
10 preparation containing any explosive or inflammable compound or any
11 tablets or other device commonly used and sold as fireworks containing
12 nitrates, chlorates, oxalates, sulphides of lead, barium, antimony,
13 arsenic, mercury, nitroglycerine, phosphorus or any compound containing
14 any of the same or other explosives, or any substance or combination of
15 substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible
16 or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detona-
17 tion, or other device containing any explosive substance and the]
18 INCLUDES:
19 (I) DISPLAY FIREWORKS, WHICH MEANS FIREWORKS DEVICES IN A FINISHED
20 STATE, EXCLUSIVE OF MERE ORNAMENTATION, PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR COMMER-
21 CIAL DISPLAYS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE VISIBLE AND/OR AUDIBLE
22 EFFECTS BY COMBUSTION, DEFLAGRATION OR DETONATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
23 LIMITED TO, SALUTES CONTAINING MORE THAN 130 MG (2 GRAINS) OF EXPLOSIVE
24 COMPOSITION, AERIAL SHELLS CONTAINING MORE THAN 40G OF CHEMICAL COMPOSI-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 TION EXCLUSIVE OF LIFT CHARGE, AND OTHER EXHIBITION DISPLAY ITEMS THAT
2 EXCEED THE LIMITS CONTAINED IN THE AMERICAN PYROTECHNIC ASSOCIATION
3 (APA) STANDARD 87-1, 2001 EDITION;
4 (II) ARTICLES PYROTECHNIC, WHICH MEANS PYROTECHNIC DEVICES FOR PROFES-
5 SIONAL USE SIMILAR TO CONSUMER FIREWORKS IN CHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND
6 CONSTRUCTION BUT NOT INTENDED FOR CONSUMER USE AND WHICH ARTICLES MEET
7 THE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR CONSUMER FIREWORKS BUT NOT LABELED AS SUCH AND
8 CLASSIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN 49 CFR
9 172.101 AS UN0431;
10 (III) SPECIAL EFFECTS, WHICH MEANS ANY COMBINATION OF CHEMICAL
11 ELEMENTS OR CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS CAPABLE OF BURNING INDEPENDENTLY OF THE
12 OXYGEN OF THE ATMOSPHERE, AND DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO PRODUCE AN AUDI-
13 BLE, VISUAL, MECHANICAL, OR THERMAL EFFECT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A
14 MOTION PICTURE, RADIO, TELEVISION, THEATRICAL, OR OPERA PRODUCTION, OR
15 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT; AND
16 (IV) CONSUMER FIREWORKS WHICH ARE AERIAL IN PERFORMANCE AS DEFINED IN
17 APA STANDARD 87-1, 2001 EDITION, 3.1.2 (3.1.2.1 THROUGH 3.1.2.6) AND
18 AUDIBLE GROUND DEVICES AS DEFINED IN APA STANDARD 87-1, 2001 EDITION,
19 3.1.3 (3.1.3.1 THROUGH 3.1.3.2).
20 (B) THE term "dangerous fireworks" means any fireworks capable of
21 causing serious physical injury and which are: firecrackers containing
22 more than fifty milligrams of any explosive substance, torpedoes,
23 skyrockets and rockets including all devices which employ any combusti-
24 ble or explosive substance and which rise in the air during discharge,
25 Roman candles, AND bombs[, sparklers more than ten inches in length or
26 one-fourth of one inch in diameter, or chasers including all devices
27 which dart or travel about the surface of the ground during discharge].
28 (C) "Fireworks" and "dangerous fireworks" shall not be deemed to
29 include [(1)] THE FOLLOWING THROUGHOUT THIS STATE, NOR SHALL THE
30 PURCHASE AND USE OF ANY ITEMS LISTED BELOW BE SUBJECT TO PART 61 TO
31 TITLE 12 NYCRR, GENERAL BUSINESS LAW SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THROUGH
32 FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE:
33 (I) flares of the type used by railroads or any warning lights common-
34 ly known as red flares, or marine distress signals of a type approved by
35 the United States coast guard, or
36 [(2)] (II) toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which
37 paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive
38 compound are used, providing they are so constructed that the hand
39 cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for use, and toy
40 pistol paper caps which contain less than twenty-hundredths grains of
41 explosive mixture, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all
42 times, or
43 [(3)] (III) bank security devices which contain not more than fifty
44 grams of any compound or substance or any combination thereof, together
45 with an igniter not exceeding 0.2 gram, capable of producing a lachry-
46 mating and/or visible or audible effect, where such device is stored or
47 used only by banks, national banking associations, trust companies,
48 savings banks, savings and loan associations, industrial banks, or cred-
49 it unions, or by any manufacturer, wholesaler, dealer, jobber or common
50 carrier for such devices and where the total storage on any one premises
51 does not exceed one hundred devices, OR
52 (IV) SPARKLING DEVICES WHICH ARE GROUND-BASED OR HAND-HELD AND ARE
53 REMOVED FROM THE DEFINITION OF EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNICS THROUGHOUT
54 THE STATE IN THIS ARTICLE AND SECTION 405.00 OF THIS CHAPTER AND THAT
55 ARE DEFINED IN APA STANDARD 87-1, 2001 EDITION, 3.1.1 (3.1.1.1 THROUGH
56 3.1.1.8) AND ALSO AS ALLOWED UNDER 3.5, OR

(V) NOVELTIES WHICH ARE REMOVED FROM THE DEFINITION OF EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNICS THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN THIS ARTICLE AND SECTION 405.00 OF THIS CHAPTER AND THAT ARE DEFINED IN APA STANDARD 87-1, 2001 EDITION, 3.2 (3.2.1 THROUGH 3.2.5), OR

(VI) TOY CAPS WHICH ARE REMOVED FROM THE DEFINITION OF EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNICS THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN THIS ARTICLE AND SECTION 405.00 OF THIS CHAPTER AND THAT ARE DEFINED IN APA STANDARD 87-1, 2001 EDITION, 3.3, OR

(VII) SIMILAR DEVICES WHICH ARE REMOVED FROM THE DEFINITION OF EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNICS THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN THIS ARTICLE AND SECTION 405.00 OF THIS CHAPTER AND WHICH ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, BUT RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN PYROTECHNICS ASSOCIATION AS BEING ALMOST IDENTICAL IN AN INCENDIARY OR EXPLOSIVE NATURE SO AS TO SUBSTANTIALLY REPLICATE ANYTHING DEFINED AS A SPARKLING DEVICE, NOVELTY OR TOY CAP.

S 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new article 271 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 271

OFFENSES RELATING TO POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS AND AMMUNITION

SECTION 271.00 DEFINITIONS AND PENALTIES.

271.05 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

271.10 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

271.15 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS.

271.20 AGGRAVATED SALE OF FIREWORKS TO A MINOR.

271.25 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS; PRESUMPTION.

271.30 LIMITATION OF APPLICATION.

271.35 SALE OF SPARKLING DEVICES REGULATED.

271.40 SALE OF AMMUNITION NOT PROHIBITED.

271.45 UNLAWFUL SALE OF AMMUNITION.

S 271.00 DEFINITIONS AND PENALTIES.

1. "PYROTECHNIC COMPOSITIONS" MEANS A MIXTURE OF CHEMICALS THAT PRODUCE A VISIBLE OR AUDIBLE EFFECT BY COMBUSTION RATHER THAN RAPID DEFLAGRATION OR DETONATION AND WHICH CANNOT EXPLODE ON IGNITION UNLESS SEVERELY CONFINED.

2. "EXPLOSIVE COMPOSITION" MEANS A CHEMICAL OR MIXTURE OF CHEMICALS THAT PRODUCES AN AUDIBLE EFFECT AND SUBSTANTIAL EXPLOSIVE FORCE BY DEFLAGRATION OR DETONATION WHEN IGNITED.

3. "LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE.

S 271.05 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN:

1. HE OR SHE SHALL OFFER OR EXPOSE FOR SALE, SELL OR FURNISH, ANY FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS EXCEPT WHERE A PERMIT IS OBTAINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 405.00 OF THIS CHAPTER; OR

2. HE OR SHE SHALL OFFER OR EXPOSE FOR SALE, SELL OR FURNISH ANY SPARKLING DEVICES, NOVELTIES OR SIMILAR DEVICES TO ANY PERSON WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR.

S 271.10 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

1 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR
2 DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN:

3 1. HE OR SHE SHALL OFFER OR EXPOSE FOR SALE, SELL OR FURNISH, ANY
4 FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS VALUED AT FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE
5 EXCEPT WHERE A PERMIT IS OBTAINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 405.00 OF THIS
6 CHAPTER; OR

7 2. HE OR SHE SHALL OFFER OR EXPOSE FOR SALE, SELL OR FURNISH, ANY
8 CONSUMER SPARKLING DEVICES, NOVELTIES OR SIMILAR DEVICES TO ANY PERSON
9 WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

10 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE
11 FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

12 S 271.15 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS.

13 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS WHEN, EXCEPT AS
14 OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS ARTICLE, OR EXCEPT WHERE A PERMIT IS OBTAINED
15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 405.00 OF THIS CHAPTER HE OR SHE SHALL POSSESS, USE,
16 EXPLODE OR CAUSE TO EXPLODE ANY FIREWORKS OR DANGEROUS FIREWORKS.

17 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS IS A VIOLATION.

18 S 271.20 AGGRAVATED SALE OF FIREWORKS TO A MINOR.

19 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF AGGRAVATED SALE OF FIREWORKS TO A MINOR WHEN HE
20 OR SHE COMMITS THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR
21 DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 271.10 OF
22 THIS ARTICLE OR THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS OR
23 DANGEROUS FIREWORKS IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 271.05 OF
24 THIS ARTICLE AND HAS WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS BEEN PREVIOUSLY
25 CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS IN THE FIRST
26 DEGREE OR CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF FIREWORKS IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

27 AGGRAVATED SALE OF FIREWORKS TO A MINOR IS A CLASS E FELONY.

28 S 271.25 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS; PRESUMPTION.

29 EXCEPT WHERE A PERMIT IS OBTAINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 405.00 OF THIS
30 CHAPTER, POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS OR DISPLAY FIREWORKS VALUED AT ONE
31 HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS OR MORE SHALL BE A PRESUMPTION THAT SUCH FIREWORKS
32 WERE INTENDED TO BE OFFERED OR EXPOSED FOR SALE.

33 S 271.30 LIMITATION OF APPLICATION.

34 1. THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT APPLY TO:

35 (A) FIREWORKS, DANGEROUS FIREWORKS, SPARKLING DEVICES AND NOVELTIES
36 WHILE IN POSSESSION OF RAILROADS, COMMON OR CONTRACT CARRIERS, RETAIL-
37 ERS, WHOLESALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, JOBBERS AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES OR
38 TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTATION TO POINTS
39 WITHOUT THE STATE, THE SHIPMENT OF WHICH IS NOT PROHIBITED BY INTERSTATE
40 COMMERCE COMMISSION REGULATIONS AS FORMULATED AND PUBLISHED FROM TIME TO
41 TIME, UNLESS THEY BE HELD VOLUNTARILY BY SUCH RAILROADS, COMMON OR
42 CONTRACT CARRIERS, RETAILERS, WHOLESALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, JOBBERS AND
43 TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES OR TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES AS WAREHOUSEMEN FOR
44 DELIVERY TO POINTS WITHIN THE STATE;

45 (B) SIGNALING DEVICES USED BY RAILROAD COMPANIES OR MOTOR VEHICLES
46 REFERRED TO IN SUBDIVISION SEVENTEEN OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED
47 SEVENTY-FIVE OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW;

48 (C) HIGH EXPLOSIVES FOR BLASTING OR SIMILAR PURPOSES;

49 (D) FIREWORKS, FOR THE USE THEREOF BY THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND
50 DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS; OR

51 (E) THE USE, TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF FIREWORKS, SPARKLING
52 DEVICES, ARTICLES PYROTECHNIC, NOVELTIES, SIMILAR DEVICES, PYROTECHNICS
53 AND SPECIAL EFFECTS MATERIALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRODUCTION OF
54 MOTION PICTURES, TELEVISION PROGRAMS, COMMERCIALS, AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT
55 MEDIA RECORDED IN ANY CURRENT OR TO BE DESIGNED FORMAT WHEN SUCH USE,

1 TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY PERMITTED BY THE LOCAL
2 GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION HAVING JURISDICTION.

3 (F) THE USE, TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES IN THE
4 PRODUCTION OF MOTION PICTURES, TELEVISION PROGRAMS, COMMERCIALS AND
5 SIMILAR ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA PRODUCTION PROVIDED THE USE, TRANSPORTATION
6 AND STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF ONE OR MORE INDIVID-
7 UALS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION TO HANDLE SUCH MATERIAL AND
8 THAT SUCH EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL IS USED, TRANSPORTED AND STORED AND OTHER-
9 WISE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION.

10 2. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT:

11 (A) ANY MANUFACTURER, WHOLESALER, RETAILER, DEALER OR JOBBER FROM
12 MANUFACTURING, POSSESSING OR SELLING AT WHOLESALE SUCH SPARKLING
13 DEVICES, NOVELTIES, OR TOY CAPS OR SIMILAR DEVICES TO MUNICIPALITIES,
14 RELIGIOUS OR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, FAIR ASSOCIATIONS, AMUSEMENT PARKS, OR
15 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE TO STORE, TRANSPORT, POSSESS
16 AND USE OR TO INDIVIDUALS TO STORE, TRANSPORT, POSSESS AND USE;

17 (B) THE SALE OR USE OF BLANK CARTRIDGES FOR A MOTION PICTURE, TELE-
18 VISION PROGRAM, COMMERCIAL AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA, OR FOR SIGNAL
19 PURPOSES IN ATHLETIC SPORTS, OR FOR DOG TRIALS OR DOG TRAINING;

20 (C) THE USE, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION OR SALE OR TRANSFER FOR USE OF
21 FIREWORKS IN THE PREPARATION FOR OR IN CONNECTION WITH MOTION PICTURES,
22 TELEVISION PROGRAMS, COMMERCIALS, AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA RECORDED
23 IN ANY CURRENT OR TO BE DESIGNED FORMAT WHEN SUCH USE, TRANSPORTATION
24 AND STORAGE HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY PERMITTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL
25 SUBDIVISION HAVING JURISDICTION; OR

26 (D) THE MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF SPARKLING DEVICES, NOVELTIES, TOY CAPS
27 AND SIMILAR DEVICES PROVIDED THEY ARE TO BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY OUT OF THE
28 STATE AND ANY SUCH ITEMS ARE SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
29 THIS ARTICLE.

30 EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED BY ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTI-
31 CLE, THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, USE, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION
32 OF SPARKLING DEVICES, NOVELTIES, TOY CAPS AND SIMILAR DEVICES THROUGHOUT
33 THE STATE.

34 3. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE MANUFAC-
35 TURE, SALE, OR USE OF SPARKLING DEVICES IS PROHIBITED IN CITIES WITH A
36 POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE.

37 S 271.35 SALE OF SPARKLING DEVICES REGULATED.

38 SPARKLING DEVICES, NOVELTIES, TOY CAPS OR SIMILAR DEVICES WHICH ARE
39 AUTHORIZED FOR SALE UNDER PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION
40 270.00 OF THIS CHAPTER MAY NOT BE SOLD BY A RETAILER OR SEASONAL RETAIL-
41 ER UNLESS THE PRODUCT WAS OBTAINED FROM A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR
42 WHOLESALER REGISTERED WITH THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL
43 PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX-H OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW. EACH
44 RETAILER AND SEASONAL RETAILER SHALL KEEP, AT EVERY LOCATION WHERE SPAR-
45 KLING DEVICES ARE SOLD, A COPY OF AN INVOICE OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF
46 PURCHASE FROM THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR WHOLESALER, WHICH STATES
47 THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER FOR THE PARTICULAR MANUFACTURER,
48 DISTRIBUTOR, OR WHOLESALER AND THE SPECIFIC ITEMS COVERED BY THE
49 INVOICE. EACH SEASONAL RETAILER SHALL, IN ADDITION, EXHIBIT A COPY OF
50 HIS OR HER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AT EACH SEASONAL RETAIL LOCATION.

51 S 271.40 SALE OF AMMUNITION NOT PROHIBITED.

52 NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT, OR
53 INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH, THE SALE OF AMMUNITION FOR REVOLVERS OR
54 PISTOLS OF ANY KIND, OR FOR RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, OR OTHER ARMS, BELONGING
55 OR WHICH MAY BELONG TO ANY PERSONS WHETHER AS SPORTING OR HUNTING WEAP-
56 ONS OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTION TO THEM IN THEIR HOMES, OR, AS THEY

MAY GO ABROAD; AND MANUFACTURERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE TO MANUFACTURE, AND WHOLESALERS AND DEALERS TO CONTINUE TO DEAL IN AND FREELY TO SELL AMMUNITION TO ALL SUCH PERSONS FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

S 271.45 UNLAWFUL SALE OF AMMUNITION.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 271.40 OF THIS ARTICLE, IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY DEALER IN FIREARMS TO SELL ANY AMMUNITION DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR USE IN A PISTOL OR REVOLVER TO ANY PERSON NOT AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

UNLAWFUL SALE OF AMMUNITION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR.

S 3. Subdivision 4 of section 270.05 of the penal law, as added by chapter 286 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

4. Bank security devices not prohibited. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section, it shall not be unlawful for any bank, national banking association, trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, industrial bank, or credit union to store, possess, transport, use or cause to discharge any bank security device as described in [subdivision one of] section 270.00 of this [chapter] ARTICLE; nor shall it be unlawful for any manufacturer, wholesaler, dealer, jobber or common carrier to manufacture, store, possess, transport, or sell such a device to banks, national banking associations, trust companies, savings banks, savings and loan associations, industrial banks or credit unions.

S 4. Subdivision 19 of section 156 of the executive law, as renumbered by chapter 615 of the laws of 2006, is renumbered subdivision 20 and a new subdivision 19 is added to read as follows:

19. LICENSE THE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS AND SEASONAL RETAILERS OF SPARKLING DEVICES WHO WISH TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE STATE.

S 5. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 156-h to read as follows:

S 156-H. REGISTRATION OF MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, WHOLESALERS, AND RETAILERS OF SPARKLERS. 1. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. ANY MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, WHOLESALE, RETAILER, OR SEASONAL RETAILER OF SPARKLING DEVICES, NOVELTIES, TOY CAPS OR SIMILAR DEVICES AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 270.00 OF THE PENAL LAW WHO WISHES TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE OR TO OTHERWISE SELL, SHIP, OR ASSIGN FOR SALE ITS PRODUCTS IN THIS STATE MUST REGISTER ANNUALLY WITH THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ON FORMS PRESCRIBED BY THE OFFICE. ANY RETAILER WHO SELLS SPARKLING DEVICES, NOVELTIES, TOY CAPS OR SIMILAR DEVICES AT MORE THAN ONE RETAIL LOCATION MAY SUBMIT ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL SUCH LOCATIONS BUT MUST PROVIDE THE ADDRESS OF EACH LOCATION WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM; HOWEVER, ANY RETAILER MAY SUBMIT MULTIPLE REGISTRATION FORMS.

2. REGISTRATION FORM. THE REGISTRATION FORM FILED WITH THE OFFICE MUST BE NOTARIZED AND MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: BUSINESS NAME; ADDRESS; TELEPHONE NUMBER; OFFICERS, IF THE BUSINESS IS A CORPORATION; AND AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED AS A CONTACT PERSON.

3. FEES. (A) EACH MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR WHOLESALE MUST PAY AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE TO BE SET BY THE OFFICE NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. EACH SEASONAL RETAILER MUST PAY AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE TO BE SET BY THE OFFICE NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. EACH RETAILER SHALL PAY AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE TO BE SET BY THE OFFICE NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR EACH RETAIL LOCATION REGISTERED. EACH CERTIFICATE-HOLDER WISHING TO HAVE A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE ISSUED FOR ONE WHICH IS LOST OR TO REFLECT A CHANGE OF ADDRESS SHALL REQUEST SUCH DUPLICATE IN WRITING AND SHALL PAY A FEE OF FIVE DOLLARS.

1 (B) REVENUE FROM REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENTS SHALL BE USED FOR THE
2 PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE REGISTRATION AND TESTING PROVISIONS OF THIS
3 CHAPTER.
4 4. RULES. THE STATE FIRE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES
5 PRESCRIBING REGISTRATION FORMS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.
6 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately.