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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law and the general business law, in relation to placing restrictions on the sale of flare guns

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding two new sections 265.67
2 and 265.68 to read as follows:

3 § 265.67 Criminal sale of a flare gun in the second degree.

4 A person, firm, corporation, dealer, or other entity is guilty of
5 criminal sale of a flare gun in the second degree when such person,
6 firm, corporation, dealer, or other entity sells, offers for sale, or
7 gives a flare gun to any person under the age of twenty-one. This
8 section shall not apply to sales or transfers to:

9 1. law enforcement agencies;

10 2. members of the armed forces or other governmental personnel acting
11 within the scope of their official duties; or

12 3. persons under twenty-one years of age participating in a supervised
13 training program approved by the commissioner of parks, recreation and
14 historic preservation or the division of homeland security and emergency
15 services.

16 Criminal sale of a flare gun in the second degree is a class A misde-
17 meanor.

18 § 265.68 Criminal sale of a flare gun in the first degree.

19 Any person, firm, corporation, dealer, or other entity is guilty of
20 criminal sale of a flare gun in the first degree when such person, firm,
21 corporation, dealer, or other entity sells, offers for sale, or gives a
22 flare gun to any person under the age of twenty-one and has a previous

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

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1 conviction for criminal sale of a flare gun in the second degree occur-
2 ring within the past two years.

3 Criminal sale of a flare gun in the first degree is a class E felony.

4 § 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-
5 qqq to read as follows:

6 § 399-qqq. Sale of flare guns; age restriction. 1. No person, firm,
7 corporation, or other business entity shall sell, offer for sale, or
8 distribute any flare gun to a person under the age of twenty-one years.

9 2. Prior to the completion of any sale or transfer of a flare gun, the
10 seller shall require the purchaser to present a valid government-issued
11 photo identification verifying that the purchaser is twenty-one years of
12 age or older.

13 3. For the purposes of this section, "flare gun" means any handheld
14 signaling device, Very pistol, or signal pistol designed and purposed to
15 fire a pyrotechnic flare, whether single-shot or multi-shot, and whether
16 marketed for maritime, emergency, or recreational use.

17 4. This section shall not apply to sales or transfers to:

18 (a) law enforcement agencies;

19 (b) members of the armed forces or other governmental personnel acting
20 within the scope of their official duties; or

21 (c) persons under twenty-one years of age participating in a super-
22 vised training program approved by the commissioner of parks, recreation
23 and historic preservation or the division of homeland security and emer-
24 gency services.

25 5. Any person, firm, or corporation who violates the provisions of
26 this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one thou-
27 sand dollars.

28 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.