No. 112

AN ACT

HB 873

Amending the act of May 15, 1939 (P.L.134, No.65), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to fireworks; defining fireworks; prohibiting the sale, offering or exposing for sale and use of fireworks, except in certain cases; authorizing cities, boroughs, towns and townships to issue permits for fireworks displays, and to regulate the same; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania State Police, sheriffs, police officers and constables; and providing penalties," further defining the term "fireworks".

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1, act of May 15, 1939 (P.L.134, No.65), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to fireworks; defining fireworks; prohibiting the sale, offering or exposing for sale and use of fireworks, except in certain cases; authorizing cities, boroughs, towns and townships to issue permits for fireworks displays, and to regulate the same; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania State Police, sheriffs, police officers and constables; and providing penalties," amended June 24, 1959 (P.L.486, No.111), is amended to read:

Section 1. The term "fireworks" shall mean and include any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances, or, except as hereinafter provided, any article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges and toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, [Daygo bombs, sparklers] aerial fireworks, or other fireworks of like construction, and any fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound or any tablets or other device containing an explosive substance.

The term "fireworks" shall not include [toy] sparklers, toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used, providing they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and toy pistol paper caps which contain less than twenty hundredths grains of explosive mixture, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times, nor shall the term "fireworks" include toy cannons which operate on the principle of mixing calcium carbide, weighing less than one tenth of an ounce, and water in the reservoir of the cannon and in which ignition results upon the creation of a spark.

The term "municipalities" shall include cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships.

APPROVED—The 9th day of November, A. D. 1973.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 112.

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