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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to fireworks.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law amends definitions of "proximate display", "public display", "pyrotechnic operator", and "pyrotechnic special effects operator" and repeals definitions of "Class C public display" and "pyrotechnic operator".

Present law prohibits certain types of fireworks from being possessed, used, or sold in this state.

Proposed law provides that only items classified as 1.4G fireworks in compliance with APA Standard 87-1A may be sold by a properly licensed retailer to the public.

Present law provides that a licensee whose license has been expired for 2 years or more and makes application for a new license shall retake and pass the written examination to receive a renewed license.

Proposed law provides that a licensee in that circumstance shall receive a new license.

Present law provides a fee for a pyrotechnic special effects operator license of \$50 for a new license and \$25 for a license renewal.

Proposed law increases the fees to \$200 for a new license and \$100 for a renewal.

Present law provides for requirements to make a Class C public display and for licensing to make such a display.

Proposed law repeals the requirements for Class C public displays and licensing.

Present law provides requirements for a permit application for a Class C display, public display, or proximate display of fireworks.

Proposed law removes requirements for Class C public displays, and proposed law adds the requirement for public displays or proximate displays a current certificate of insurance issued to the state fire marshal showing general liability coverage in the amount of one million dollars.

Present law provides an application fee for a public display or proximate display permit of \$100, and a \$25 fee for a Class C public display permit.

Proposed law provides for a \$200 fee for public display or proximate display, and a \$100 fee for renewal of that permit. Proposed law removes the fee for a Class C public display.

Present law provides that the state fire marshal may promulgate rules and regulations to regarding public displays, proximate displays, and Class C displays.

Proposed law removes the reference to Class C displays.

Present law provides for a retailer a \$100 fee for a permit to sell fireworks.

Proposed law increases the fee to \$250.

Proposed law makes it unlawful for any person to purchase fireworks from a wholesaler without first obtaining a valid retail permit issued by the state fire marshal.

(Amends R.S. 51:650(23), (24), (26), and (28), 651.1(B), 655(C)(3) and (8), (E), (G), and (H)(1), and 656(C) and (E); Adds R.S. 51:656(F); Repeals R.S. 51:650(6) and (27) and 655(D))