

**ACT No. 857**

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 956

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 51:650(23), (24), (26), and (28), 651.1(B), 652(B), 655(C)(3)  
3 and (8), (E), (G), and (H)(1), 656(A), (C)(1)(f), (E), and (F), and 658(A), to enact  
4 R.S. 51:656(F), and to repeal R.S. 51:650(6) and (27) and 655(D), relative to  
5 fireworks; to provide for definitions; to classify which items may be sold to the  
6 public; to provide for time for selling; to provide for licensing and permitting  
7 requirements; to provide for fees; to prohibit shipment or delivery of fireworks; to  
8 provide relative to local licensing; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for  
9 related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 51:650(23), (24), (26), and (28), 651.1(B), 652(B), 655(C)(3) and  
12 (8), (E), (G), and (H)(1), 656(A), (C)(1)(f), (E), and (F), and 658(A) are hereby amended and  
13 reenacted and R.S. 51:656(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §650. Definitions

15 As used in this Part, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them  
16 in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 \* \* \*

18 (23) "Proximate display" includes ~~all indoor displays and means a~~  
19 ~~pyrotechnic public display involving the ignition of Fireworks 1.3G or Fireworks~~  
20 ~~1.4G for public viewing, where the audience is closer to the pyrotechnic devices than~~  
21 ~~permitted by NFPA 1123 Code of Fireworks Display. The term does not include the~~

1 use of Fireworks 1.4G by a retail consumer for private or personal viewing: any  
2 indoor display or a pyrotechnic public display for public viewing where the audience  
3 is closer to the pyrotechnic devices than permitted by NFPA 1123 and governed by  
4 NFPA 1126 and NFPA 1124.

5 (24) "Public display" means the ~~display of 1.4S, 1.4G, or 1.3G fireworks,~~  
6 ~~including fireworks not listed as permissible in R.S. 51:651, used for any purpose~~  
7 ~~relating to the amusement of the general public~~ use of 1.4S, 1.4G, or 1.3G fireworks  
8 for the public's amusement, governed by NFPA 1123 and NFPA 1124 requirements,  
9 as published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), or any subsequent  
10 amended additions thereof. "Public display" does not include a retail consumer's use  
11 of 1.4G fireworks for private viewing.

12 \* \* \*

13 (26) "Pyrotechnic operator" means an individual skilled through experience  
14 and examination and licensed by the office of state fire marshal to safely assemble,  
15 discharge, and supervise public displays of 1.3G or 1.4G fireworks. ~~who, by~~  
16 ~~experience and examination, has demonstrated the necessary skill and ability for~~  
17 ~~safely assembling, discharging, and supervising public displays of Fireworks 1.3G.~~

18 (28) "Pyrotechnic special effects operator" means an individual ~~who, by~~  
19 ~~experience and examination, has demonstrated the necessary skill and ability for~~  
20 ~~safely assembling, discharging, and supervising proximate displays of Fireworks~~  
21 ~~1.3G, 1.4G, and 1.4S.~~ skilled through experience and examination and licensed by  
22 the office of state fire marshal to safely assemble, discharge, and supervise  
23 proximate displays of 1.3G or 1.4G fireworks.

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25 §651.1. Possession, sale, or use of certain fireworks prohibited; penalties

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27 B. ~~It is unlawful for any person in the state of Louisiana to possess, sell, or~~  
28 ~~use for any purpose whatsoever any of the following items of commercial fireworks:~~  
29 ~~cherry bombs, tubular salutes, two-inch American-made salutes, firecrackers with~~  
30 ~~casings the external dimensions of which exceed one and one-half inches in length~~



1                   (8) The cost of the pyrotechnic operator, pyrotechnic special effects operator,  
 2                   and blaster's license is fifty two hundred dollars for a new license and ~~twenty-five~~  
 3                   one hundred dollars for renewals.

4                   ~~E.(1) A person or firm shall not make or perform a public display, proximate~~  
 5                   ~~display, or Class C public display, as defined in this Part, without first obtaining a~~  
 6                   ~~permit from the office of state fire marshal.~~

7                   (2) (1) A person or firm ~~desiring~~ applying for a permit for a public display  
 8                   or proximate display may either apply to the office of state fire marshal or to a  
 9                   certified local authority certified ~~under~~ in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
 10                   40:1563, which application shall be received by either the state fire marshal or the  
 11                   certified local authority at least five days prior to the event. The application shall  
 12                   contain all of the following information:

13                   (a) The date, time, and place of the public display or proximate display  
 14                   including the length of time of the display.

15                   (b) All fire prevention plans and provisions that will be in force and all fire  
 16                   prevention personnel and equipment available to ensure the safety of the public  
 17                   attending the display.

18                   (c) A copy of the permit issued by the office of state fire marshal to the  
 19                   distributor who will be supplying or conducting the public display or proximate  
 20                   display to assure the state fire marshal or his certified local authority that the  
 21                   fireworks and the actual presentation and conduct of the public display or proximate  
 22                   display will not endanger the public safety.

23                   (d) A current certificate of insurance issued to the office of state fire marshal  
 24                   showing general liability coverage in the amount of one million dollars.

25                   ~~(3) A public entity desiring a permit for a Class C public display may apply~~  
 26                   ~~to the office of state fire marshal, which application shall be received by the state fire~~  
 27                   ~~marshal at least five days prior to the event. The application shall contain the~~  
 28                   ~~following information:~~

29                   ~~(a) The date, time, and place of the Class C public display including the~~  
 30                   ~~length of time of the display.~~





1 §658. Penalties

2 A.(1) ~~No~~ A manufacturer, assembler, distributor, importer, jobber, or retailer  
 3 shall not operate within the state of Louisiana without proper permit.

4 (2) A wholesaler, manufacturer, assembler, distributor, importer, jobber, or  
 5 retailer within this state, or any common carrier, broker, third-party, or other person  
 6 shall not sell for delivery or cause to be delivered any consumer fireworks within this  
 7 state.

8 (3) A person found operating within the state of Louisiana without a proper  
 9 permit shall immediately cease the sale of fireworks upon the lawful order of the  
 10 state fire marshal, a certified local authority of the fire marshal, or any local law  
 11 enforcement official until such time as an application for permit has been made to  
 12 the state fire marshal as required in R.S. 51:656 and subsequently granted. The  
 13 application for a retail permit shall be notarized and shall attest that each location on  
 14 the application is situated in a jurisdiction which allows legal retail fireworks sales,  
 15 that no open flame heating devices are located at any listed location, that there are  
 16 no facilities for sleeping and sleeping is not allowed in any listed location, and that  
 17 no listed location is used for residential purposes or for other than the purpose of  
 18 making retail sales of fireworks. Violation by transmission of a false statement or  
 19 false representation of any information required by this Paragraph may be prosecuted  
 20 pursuant to R.S. 14:125 and shall be the basis for revocation of all permits held by  
 21 the applicant.

22 (3) ~~(4)~~ (4) The refusal of any person to cease sales and obtain a permit or the  
 23 failure of any person to comply with a lawful order of the state fire marshal, a  
 24 certified local authority of the fire marshal, or any local law enforcement official,  
 25 may be cause for the seizure of any merchandise and equipment of the person found  
 26 in violation at any physical location. Those items seized shall be retained until  
 27 otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction. If the state fire marshal, a  
 28 certified local authority of the fire marshal, or a local law enforcement official is not  
 29 otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction within ninety days of the date  
 30 of seizure to return the items seized, then the state fire marshal, certified local

1 authority, or local law enforcement official may destroy or dispose of the seized  
2 items in such a manner which, in their discretion, they deem suitable in order to  
3 protect the public safety.

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5 Section 2. R.S. 51:650(6) and (27) and 655(D) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_