1	SENATE BILL 195
2	43rd LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997
3	INTRODUCED BY
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO FIREWORKS; LIMITING THE SALE OR USE OF FIREWORKS
12	UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BANNING THE SALE OR USE OF BOTTLE
13	ROCKETS; CHANGING DUTIES PERTAINING TO RECORDS; DECLARING AN
14	EMERGENCY.
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
17	Section 1. Section 60-2C-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,
18	Chapter 346, Section 1) is amended to read:
19	"60-2C-1. SHORT TITLE[Sections 1 through 11 of this
20	act] <u>Chapter 60, Article 2C NMSA 1978</u> may be cited as the
21	"Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act"."
22	Section 2. Section 60-2C-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,
23	Chapter 346, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:
24	"60-2C-2. DEFINITIONSAs used in the Fireworks Licensing
25	and Safety Act:
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1	[A. "aerial device" means a fireworks device that
2	upon ignition propels itself or an insert a significant distance
3	into the air, but does not include a firework that produces a
4	shower of sparks;]
5	<u>A. "bottle rocket" means a cylindrical tube with a</u>
6	<u>casing size of less than one-half of an inch for the outside</u>
7	diameter and less than three and one-half inches in casing
8	<u>length containing no more than twenty grams of chemical</u>
9	composition with a wooden stick attached for guidance and
10	stability that rises into the air upon ignition and produces a
11	burst of color or sound at or near the height of flight;
12	<u>B. "chaser" means a paper or cardboard tube venting</u>
13	out the fuse end of the tube that contains no more than twenty
14	grams of chemical composition and travels along the ground,
15	<u>producing a whistling effect or other noise; an explosive</u>
16	<u>composition not to exceed fifty milligrams may be included to</u>
17	<u>produce a report;</u>
18	[B.] <u>C.</u> "chemical composition" includes all
19	pyrotechnic and explosive composition contained in a fireworks
20	device, but does not include inert materials such as clay used
21	for plugs or organic matter such as rice hulls used for density

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control;
 [C. "common fireworks" means any fireworks device
 suitable for use by the public that complies with the
 construction, performance, composition and labeling requirements

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1	promulgated by the United States consumer product safety
2	commission in Title 16, C.F.R. and that is classified as a class
3	C explosive by the United States department of transportation;]
4	<u>D. "cone fountain" means a cardboard or heavy paper</u>
5	<u>cone containing no more than fifty grams of pyrotechnic</u>
6	<u>composition that has the same effect as a cylindrical fountain;</u>
7	and when more than one cone is mounted on a common base, total
8	pyrotechnic composition shall not exceed two hundred grams;
9	<u>E. "crackling device" means a sphere or paper tube</u>
10	<u>that contains no more than twenty grams of pyrotechnic</u>
11	<u>composition that produces a flash of light and a mild, audible</u>
12	crackling effect upon ignition, which effect is not considered
13	to be an explosion; crackling devices are not subject to the
14	<u>fifty-milligram limit of firecrackers;</u>
15	<u>F. "cylindrical fountain" means a cylindrical tube</u>
16	<u>containing not more than seventy-five grams of pyrotechnic</u>
17	composition that produces a shower of colored sparks and
18	sometimes a whistling effect or smoke; the device may be
19	provided with a spike for insertion into the ground or a wood or
20	cardboard handle to be hand held; and when more than one tube is
21	mounted on a common base, total pyrotechnic composition shall
22	<u>not exceed two hundred grams;</u>
23	[D.] <u>G.</u> "display distributor" means any person, firm

or corporation selling [special] <u>display</u> fireworks;

H. "display fireworks" means devices primarily

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intended for commercial displays that are designed to produce
visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or
detonation, including salutes containing more than one hundred
thirty milligrams of explosive composition; aerial shells
containing more than forty grams of chemical composition
exclusive of lift charge; and other exhibition display items
that exceed the limits for permissible fireworks;
[E-1] L. "distributor" means any person, firm or

8 [E.] I. "distributor" means any person, firm or
9 corporation selling fireworks to wholesalers and retailers for
10 resale;

[F.] J. "explosive composition" means any chemical compound or mixture, the primary purpose of which is to function by explosion, producing an audible effect in a fireworks device;

K. "firecracker" means a small, paper-wrapped or cardboard tube containing no more than fifty milligrams of explosive composition that produces noise and a flash of light; provided that firecrackers used in aerial devices may contain up to one hundred thirty milligrams of explosive composition per report;

[G. "firework"] L. "fireworks" means [any composition or device for the purpose of producing] devices intended to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration or detonation [Fireworks are further classified in the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act as common fireworks and special fireworks, as defined by the United States department of

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1 transportation, C.F.R. Title 49, transportation, parts 173.88(d) and 173.00(r)] and are categorized as "permissible fireworks" or 2 "display fireworks"; 3 [H. "ground audible device" means a fireworks device 4 5 intended to function on the ground that produces an audible 6 effect: M. "flitter sparkler" means a narrow paper tube 7 8 attached to a stick or wire and filled with no more than five 9 grams of pyrotechnic composition that produces color and sparks 10 upon ignition and the paper at one end of the tube is ignited to 11 make the device function; 12 N. "ground spinner" means a small, rapidly spinning 13 device containing no more than twenty grams of pyrotechnic 14 composition venting out an orifice usually on the side of the 15 tube that when ignited produces a shower of sparks and color; 16 "helicopter" or "aerial spinner" means a tube 0. 17 containing no more than twenty grams of chemical composition 18 with a propeller or blade attached that spins rapidly as it 19 rises into the air with a visible or audible effect produced at 20 or near the height of flight; 21 P. "illuminating torch" means a cylindrical tube 22 containing no more than one hundred grams of pyrotechnic 23 composition that produces a colored flame upon ignition and may 24 be spiked, based or hand held; and when more than one tube is 25 mounted on a common base, total pyrotechnic composition shall

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not exceed two hundred grams;

2	$[H_{\cdot}]$ Q. "manufacturer" means any person, firm or
3	corporation engaged in the manufacture of fireworks;
4	<u>R. "mine" or "shell" means a heavy cardboard or</u>
5	paper tube usually attached to a wooden or plastic base and
6	<u>containing no more than forty grams of chemical composition plus</u>
7	<u>not more than twenty grams of lift charge that produces a star</u>
8	effect and that contains components producing reports containing
9	<u>a maximum one hundred thirty milligrams of explosive composition</u>
10	<u>per report; a mine may contain more than one tube, but the tubes</u>
11	must fire in sequence upon ignition of one external fuse and the
12	<u>total chemical composition, including lift charges, of a</u>
13	<u>multiple tube device shall not exceed two hundred grams;</u>
14	<u>S. "missile-type rocket" means a device similar to a</u>
15	stick-type rocket in size, composition and effect that uses fins
16	rather than a stick for guidance and stability and that contains
17	<u>no more than twenty grams of chemical composition;</u>
18	[J.] <u>T.</u> "permissible fireworks" means fireworks
19	legal for sale <u>to</u> and use in New Mexico [under the provisions of
20	the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act] by the general public
21	<u>that contain no more than two hundred grams of total chemical</u>
22	<u>composition;</u>

[K.] U. "pyrotechnic composition" means a chemical mixture [which] that on burning and without explosion produces visible or brilliant displays or bright lights or whistles or

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2	[L.] <u>V.</u> "retailer" means any person, firm or
3	corporation purchasing fireworks for resale to consumers;
4	[M. "special fireworks" means fireworks devices
5	primarily intended for commercial displays which are designed to
6	produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration
7	or detonation, including salutes containing more than one
8	hundred thirty milligrams (two grains) of explosive composition,
9	aerial shells containing more than forty grams of chemical
10	composition exclusive of lift charge and other exhibition
11	display items that exceed the limits contained in the Fireworks
12	Licensing and Safety Act for common fireworks;]
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14 15 16 17 18 19	W. "roman candle" means a heavy paper or cardboard tube containing no more than twenty grams of chemical composition that individually expels pellets of pressed pyrotechnic composition that burn with bright color in a star effect: [N] X. "specialty retailer" means any person, firm or corporation purchasing permissible fireworks for year-round
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	W. "roman candle" means a heavy paper or cardboard tube containing no more than twenty grams of chemical composition that individually expels pellets of pressed pyrotechnic composition that burn with bright color in a star effect: [N] X. "specialty retailer" means any person, firm or corporation purchasing permissible fireworks for year-round resale in permanent retail stores whose primary business is

diameter and a minimum casing length of three and one-half inches containing no more than twenty grams of chemical

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1 composition with a wooden stick attached for guidance and 2 stability that rises into the air upon ignition and produces a burst of color or sound at or near the height of flight; 3 Z. "toy smoke device" means a small plastic or paper 4 item containing no more than one hundred grams of pyrotechnic 5 6 composition that produces white or colored smoke as the primary 7 effect; 8 "wheel" means a pyrotechnic device that is made AA. 9 to attach to a post or other surface that revolves, producing a 10 shower of color and sparks and sometimes a whistling effect, and 11 that may have one or more drivers, each of which contains no 12 more than sixty grams of pyrotechnic composition and the total 13 wheel contains no more than two hundred grams total pyrotechnic 14 <u>composition; and</u> 15 [0.] <u>BB.</u> "wholesaler" means any person, firm or 16 corporation purchasing fireworks for resale to retailers." 17 Section 60-2C-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Section 3. 18 Chapter 346, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read: 19 "60-2C-3. LICENSE OR PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SALE OF 20 FIREWORKS--ADMINISTRATION--PERMITS AND LICENSES.--21 No person may sell, hold for sale, import, A. 22 distribute or offer for sale, as manufacturer, distributor, 23 wholesaler or retailer, any fireworks in this state unless such 24 person has first obtained the appropriate license or permit. 25 The state fire marshal shall enforce the B.

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1 Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act. All license applications shall be submitted to the office of the state fire marshal. 2 All retailers shall be required to purchase a retail fireworks 3 permit for each retail location. The retail permit may be purchased from any licensed manufacturer, distributor or 5 6 wholesaler or from the state fire marshal's office. [These] 7 <u>Retail</u> permits may be purchased at any time by the licensed 8 manufacturer, distributor or wholesaler in books of [twenty] ten 9 permits per book from the state fire marshal. Permits shall be 10 numbered, and it shall be the responsibility of the licensed 11 manufacturer, distributor or wholesaler to keep records of the 12 purchases of these permits and to [submit these records to the 13 state fire marshal semi-annually on January 31 and July 31 of 14 each year. Each semi-annual report is to cover the preceding 15 six-month period] return books containing duplicate copies of 16 each issued permit to the state fire marshal's office within a 17 week of the time the last permit in each book was issued. The 18 returned copies of each book shall be the official record of 19 retail permits sold. Retail permits [which] that are unsold may 20 be exchanged for new permits.

С. The state fire marshal shall appoint the deputies and employees required to carry out the provisions of the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act. The state fire marshal may also appoint any commissioned law enforcement officer or duly appointed fire chief or his [designate] designee with approval

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provisions of that act. 2 The state fire board shall formulate, adopt, 3 D. promulgate and amend or revise rules and regulations for the 4 safe handling of fireworks." 5 6 Section 4. Section 60-2C-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, 7 Chapter 346, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read: 8 "60-2C-4. LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES. --9 An applicant for a license or permit under the A. 10

from the local governing body required to carry out the

Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act shall pay to the state fire marshal's office the following fees, which shall not be refundable:

13	(1) manufacturer license \$1,500;
14	(2) distributor license
15	(3) wholesaler license
16	(4) display distributor
17	(5) specialty retailer license 750; or
18	(6) retailer permit
19	B. All licenses and permits shall be issued for one

B. All licenses and permits shall be issued for one year beginning on February 1 of each year. All licenses and permits shall be issued within thirty days from the date of receipt of application, except that no application shall be processed <u>by the state fire marshal's office</u> from [<u>May 10</u>] <u>June</u> <u>10</u> through July 10 of each year.

C. Licenses issued under the Fireworks Licensing and

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1 Safety Act shall not be restricted in number or limited to any person without cause. Municipalities and counties may require 2 licenses or permits and reasonable fees, not to exceed fifty 3 dollars (\$50.00), for the sale of fireworks. 4

Permit and license fees paid to the state fire D. marshal's office shall be deposited in the fire protection fund to be used by the state fire marshal to enforce and carry out the provisions and purposes of the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act."

Section 5. Section 60-2C-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 346, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read: "60-2C-7. PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS. --

A. Permissible fireworks [for sale to the general public as that term is used in the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act shall be understood to mean common fireworks except stick-type rockets having a tube less than one-quarter inch inside diameter] are:

(1) ground and hand-held sparkling and smoke

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(a) cone fountains;

(b) crackling devices;

(c) cylindrical fountains;

(d) flitter sparklers;

(e) ground spinners;

(f) illuminating torches;

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1	<u>(g) toy smoke devices; and</u>
2	<u>(h) wheels;</u>
3	<u>(2) aerial devices:</u>
4	<u>(a) aerial spinners:</u>
5	(b) helicopters;
6	<u>(c) mines;</u>
7	<u>(d) missile-type rockets; and</u>
8	<u>(e) roman candles;</u>
9	(f) shells; and
10	<u>(g) stick-type rockets;</u>
11	(3) ground audible devices:
12	<u>(a) chasers; and</u>
13	(b) firecrackers.
14	<u>B. Bottle rockets are not permissible fireworks.</u>
15	<u>C.</u> A municipality or county shall not by ordinance
16	regulate and prohibit the sale or use of any permissible
17	firework except aerial devices and ground audible devices."
18	Section 6. Section 60-2C-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,
19	Chapter 346, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:
20	"60-2C-8. RETAIL SALES OR STORAGE OF FIREWORKSREGULATED
21	ACTI VI TI ES
22	A. No fireworks may be sold at retail without a
23	retail permit. The permit shall be at the location where the
24	retail sale takes place.
25	B. It is unlawful to offer for sale or to sell any
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fireworks to children under the age of [twelve] <u>sixteen</u> years or to any intoxicated person.

C. At all places where fireworks are stored, sold or displayed, the words "NO SMOKING" shall be posted in letters at least four inches in height. Smoking, open flames and any ignition source are prohibited within twenty-five feet of any fireworks stock.

D. No fireworks shall be stored, kept, sold or discharged within fifty feet of any gasoline pump or gasoline bulk station or any building in which gasoline or volatile liquids are sold in quantities in excess of one gallon, except in stores where cleaners, paints and oils are handled in sealed containers only.

E. All fireworks permittees and licensees shall keep and maintain upon the premises a fire extinguisher bearing an underwriters laboratories [inc.] incorporated rated capacity of at least [5 lb.] five-pound ABC per five hundred square feet of space used for fireworks sales or storage.

F. A sales clerk who is at least sixteen years of age shall be on duty to serve consumers at the time of purchase or delivery. [All fireworks sold and shipped to consumers within New Mexico shall be sold and shipped only by an individual firm, partnership or corporation holding the proper New Mexico fireworks license or permit.] Permissible fireworks may be offered for sale only at state-permitted or state-

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licensed retail locations.

2 G. No fireworks shall be discharged within one
3 hundred fifty feet of any fireworks retail sales location.

<u>H. No fireworks shall be sold or used on state</u> <u>forest land.</u>

[H.-] I. No person shall ignite any fireworks within a motor vehicle or throw fireworks from a motor vehicle, nor shall any person place or throw any ignited article of fireworks into or at a motor vehicle or at or near any person or group of people.

[I-] J. Any fireworks devices that are readily accessible to handling by consumers or purchasers in a retail sales location shall have their exposed fuses protected in a manner to protect against accidental ignition of an item by a spark, cigarette ash or other ignition source. If the fuse is a thread-wrapped safety fuse which has been coated with a nonflammable coating, only the outside end of the safety fuse shall be covered. If the fuse is not a safety fuse, then the entire fuse shall be covered.

[J.-] <u>K. Permissible</u> fireworks may be sold at retail between June 20 and July 6 of each year and [three] <u>six</u> days preceding and including new year's day <u>and three days preceding</u> <u>and including</u> Chinese new year and Cinco de Mayo of each year, except that <u>permissible</u> fireworks may be sold all year in permanent retail stores whose primary business is tourism.

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L. All retail mail order sales of permissible fireworks are prohibited."

Section 7. Section 60-2C-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 346, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"60-2C-9. [PUBLIC] DISPLAY [OF] FIREWORKS.--Nothing in the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act shall prohibit the [publie] display of <u>display</u> fireworks, except that any individual, association, partnership, corporation, organization, county or municipality shall secure a written permit from the governing body of the county or municipality where the [publie] display is to be fired and the <u>display</u> fireworks shall be purchased from a distributor or display distributor licensed by the state fire marshal and the bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms at the United States department of the treasury."

Section 8. A new section of the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act is enacted to read:

"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] NOVELTIES NOT FIREWORKS.--Novelties are not fireworks and are not subject to the provisions of the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act. For the purposes of this section, "novelties" means devices containing small amounts of pyrotechnic or explosive composition that produce limited visible or audible effects, including party poppers, snappers, snakes, glowworms, sparklers or toy caps and devices intended to produce unique visual or audible effects that contain sixteen milligrams or less of explosive composition and limited amounts

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of other pyrotechnic composition, including cigarette loads, trick matches, explosive auto alarms and other trick noisemakers."

Section 9. A new section of the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act is enacted to read:

"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS--RESTRICTED SALE AND USE. --

A. The state fire board may hold a hearing to
determine if fireworks restrictions should be imposed in all or
a portion of the state affected by extreme drought conditions.
The findings of the state fire board shall be based on current
drought indices published by the national weather service.

B. The state fire board may issue a proclamation
declaring an extreme drought condition in all or a portion of
the state. The state fire board's proclamation:

(1) shall ban the sale and use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices within the affected drought area;

(2) shall give local governments the power to:(a) limit the use within their

jurisdictions of any fireworks not listed in Paragraph (1) of this subsection to areas that are paved or barren or that have a readily accessible source of water for use by the homeowner or the general public; and

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(b) ban or restrict the sale or use of

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1	display fireworks; and
2	(3) may ban or restrict the use of any type of
3	fireworks on state lands within the affected drought area.
4	C. The state fire board's proclamation declaring an
5	extreme drought condition shall be issued before:
6	(1) June 15 for the July 4 fireworks season; or
7	(2) five days prior to any other holiday
8	selling period.
9	D. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
10	a proclamation shall be effective for thirty days, and the state
11	fire board may issue succeeding proclamations if extreme drought
12	conditions warrant. A proclamation may be modified or rescinded
13	within its thirty-day period if weather conditions improve
14	sufficiently to alleviate fire dangers."
15	Section 10. EMERGENCYIt is necessary for the public
16	peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.
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20	and thence referred to the JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
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		9	Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
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