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Sincerely,

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Private Acts of 1939 Chapter 365

SECTION 1. That in all counties of the State of Tennessee having a population of not less than 14,200 and not more than 14,300 inhabitants, according to the Federal Census of 1930 or any subsequent Federal Census, no person, firm or corporation shall have, keep, store, use, manufacture, sell, handle or transport within the limits of said county, any pyrotechnics; and the word "Pyrotechnics" whenever used in this Act shall be held to mean any sparkler, squib, rocket, fire cracker, roman candle or fireworks.

Provided, however, nothing in this Act shall be held to apply to the possession or use of signaling devices by railroads, vessels, and others requiring them, and that nothing in this Act shall be held to apply to the possession, sale or use of normal stocks of flashlight compositions by photographers or dealers in photostatic supplies; and,

Provided, further, nothing in this Act shall be held to apply to the possession, sale, or use of ammunition, of fire arms, of blasting powder or dynamite, or other explosives used or to be used for commercial purposes.

SECTION 2. That the County Trustee of any said county may, upon due application, issue a permit to a properly qualified person for giving a Pyrotechnic display of fire works in the public parks or other places within the said county. Such permits shall impose such restrictions as in the opinion of the County Trustee of said County may be necessary to properly safeguard life and property in each case, and the holder of such a permit shall be entitled to store, use, or transport Pyrotechnics in strict accordance with the terms of said permit, this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 3. That any violation of any provision of this Act shall be deemed a misdemeanor and the offender shall upon conviction be fined not less than Five or more than Five Hundred Dollars for every such violation.

SECTION 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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