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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - FIREWORKS SALES ORDINANCES

Introduced By: Representatives Marcello, Malik, Hearn, Serpa, and Fellela

Date Introduced: February 24, 2016

Referred To: House Small Business

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-28.11-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-28.11 entitled  
2 "Fireworks and Pyrotechnics" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-28.11-10. Rules and regulations.** – (a) The state fire marshal is hereby authorized  
4 and directed to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations governing the possession, sale  
5 wholesale and retail, and use of display fireworks and aerial consumer fireworks and pyrotechnics  
6 in the state.

7 (b) All cities and towns in this state are hereby authorized to regulate, by ordinance, the  
8 time, place, and manner of sale of legal fireworks and pyrotechnics within their boundaries, and  
9 to require that a special pyrotechnics sales license be purchased from the city or town at a cost not  
10 to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per license. The provisions of this section shall be in  
11 addition to the provisions of §23-28.11-3(c).

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize cities and towns to regulate by ordinance the sale of  
2 pyrotechnics within their boundaries, and to set a sales license fee of not more than one thousand  
3 dollars (\$1,000).

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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