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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1159

By: Representative Baltz

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSURE OF A MANUFACTURER,
IMPORTER, DISTRIBUTOR, JOBBER, RETAILER, OR SHOOTER
OF FIREWORKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LICENSURE OF A MANUFACTURER,
IMPORTER, DISTRIBUTOR, JOBBER, RETAILER,
OR SHOOTER OF FIREWORKS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-22-707(a), concerning licenses, applications, and issuance for a manufacturer, importer, distributor, jobber, retailer, or shooter of fireworks, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) To be licensed as a manufacturer, importer, distributor, jobber, retailer, or shooter of fireworks, ~~an~~ first-time applicant shall submit to the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police an application on a form provided by the director ~~before April 1 of each year~~ setting forth the information that the director determines necessary to ensure public health, safety, and welfare.

(B) The license for a manufacturer, importer, distributor, jobber, or retailer shall be effective from ~~and shall date from May 1 of the year~~ the date of issuance through the next April 30 ~~of the following year~~.

(C) The license for a shooter shall be valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance.

(D) Upon approval of the application by the director and before the issuance of the license, the applicant shall pay to the director a



license fee for each type of business conducted based on the following schedule:

- (i) Manufacturer \$1,000.00
- (ii) Importer 750.00
- (iii) Distributor 500.00
- (iv) Jobber 100.00
- (v) Retailer 25.00
- (vi) Shooter 50.00

(E) The fee for a shooter shall be waived if the applicant verifies that he or she is a professional or volunteer firefighter.

(2)(A) A retailer may purchase a license from its vendor if the vendor is a licensed importer, distributor, or jobber or from the State Fire Marshal Enforcement Section of the Department of Arkansas State Police. The retailers' licenses shall be made available by the Department of Arkansas State Police to the vendor in books of twenty (20) licenses to a book.

(B) The vendor shall record the sales of the licenses to retailers and submit its records to the director semiannually on January 31 and July 31 of each year. Each semiannual report shall cover the preceding six-month period.

(3) A person ~~who~~ that does not obtain a required license commits a violation of this subchapter.