



**The New Fireworks Law of
Pennsylvania be effective on
October 20, 2017
HB 542**

Allowable Consumer Fireworks Prior to HB 542

Consumer Fireworks Could Not Fly or Bang

- Sparklers
- Ground based Sparklers & Novelties
- Ground based Smoke Devices

Allowable Consumer Fireworks

Post HB 245

- * Bottle and Sky Rockets
- * Firecrackers
- * Aerial Devices
- * Reloadable Shells and Roman Candles

ILLEGAL to Possess

- * M-80
 - * Cherry Bombs
 - * Silver Salutes
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- * All are ILLEGAL in all 50 States

House Bill 542 of 2017 Drastically changed
the PA Fireworks Law for Consumer
Fireworks by:

Allowing Anyone 18 years of age to be
able purchase, possess and use ANY
Consumer Fireworks anywhere in the
State of PA

Consumer Fireworks Restrictions

- * Must have permission of the property owner
- * Cannot be use them within, from or into a building
- * Cannot be used from within, from or into a motor vehicle
- * Cannot be used at another person
- * Cannot be used while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug
- * Cannot be used within 150 feet of a structure or vehicle

Consumer Fireworks Tax

- * Consumer Fireworks are taxed at a rate of 12% of the retail purchase price (including state and local sales tax)
- * The tax collected is paid to the PA Department of Revenue to be deposited into the General Funds
 - * 75% used for Grants related to Emergency medical Services
 - * 25% used for online training programs for volunteer firefighters

HD 542 - Changed

- * Local municipalities are able to regulate the use of Display Fireworks, but **NOT the Sale, Storage and Use of Consumer Fireworks**
- * No additional license fee shall be charged for a cense to sell Consumer Fireworks

HB 542 - Penalties

- * **Using Consumer Fireworks in violation of this act –
Summary offense and a fine not more than \$100**
- * Selling consumer Fireworks in violation of this act-
Misdemeanor of second degree and
confiscation of stock
- * Selling Display Fireworks violation of this act –
Felony of the third degree and confiscation of stock
- * Selling Forbidden Explosives in violation of this act –
Felony of the third degree and confiscation of stock

Enforcement

- * Police will investigate all fireworks complaints.
- * A verbal warning is often issued for initial violation.
- * Any illegal fireworks will be confiscated.
- * Educate violators as to the new law.
- * Second and subsequent offenses will result in a summary offense citation.
- * Noise Ordinance violations may also apply.