

SCS SB 1196 -- FIREWORKS REGULATION

SPONSOR: Klindt (Lager)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Small Business by a vote of 15 to 1.

This substitute changes the definitions and permit requirements for displays or proximate fireworks and where fireworks can be stored and ignited. It increases the fees the State Fire Marshal charges for permits and changes the distribution of the fees between the General Revenue Fund and the Fire Education Fund.

Any false statement or declaration made on a permit application may result in the State Fire Marshal refusing to issue a permit for up to three years. Civil penalties are established for anyone who manufactures, sells, offers for sale, ships, or causes fireworks to be shipped into the state without possessing the applicable permits.

All costs associated with an adjudication of rights pursuant to the substitute will be placed upon the defendant.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of \$31,510 in FY 2005, \$25,010 in FY 2006, and \$25,010 in FY 2007. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$33,665 in FY 2005, \$25,165 in FY 2006, and \$25,165 in FY 2007.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill updates definitions, modifies fees, and designates a portion of the fees for rural firefighter training. It also establishes civil penalties for manufacturing and shipping fireworks without proper permits and encourages large fireworks displays to have an individual with proper fireworks training on-site.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Klindt; and Missouri Fireworks Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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