

**FIREWORKS** **LAW** **INFORMATION**

**REVISED** **TO** **REFLECT** **NEW** **CHANGES,** **EFFECTIVE** **OCTOBER** **30,** **2017**

House Bill 542 was signed into law on October 30, 2017. Under the new law, the Fireworks Act of 1939 was repealed and replaced in its entirety. The questions and answers below highlight the most noteworthy changes.

**Q:** **Which** **fireworks** **are** **Pennsylvania** **residents** **now** **allowed** **to** **purchase** **and** **use?**

Consumers can now purchase and use “Class C” or “consumer-grade” fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman Candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. The expansion includes those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents.

“Display fireworks,” which are classified as professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

**Q:** **Who** **can** **purchase** **fireworks?**

Anyone 18 years of age or older can purchase them.

**Q:** **What** **are** **the** **restrictions** **on** **where** **they** **can** **be** **used?**

 They cannot be ignited or discharged on a property without permission of the property owner.  They cannot be discharged from a motor vehicle or building.

 They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.

 They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

**Q:** **Where** **can** **the** **fireworks** **be** **purchased?**

They can be purchased at any licensed facility, including temporary ones. The licenses are issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Examples of temporary facilities include tents or other structures found in parking lots. These temporary structures can sell fireworks between the dates of June 15-July and December 21-January 2 each year.