

**Representative Matt MacPherson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**CHANGES TO FIREWORKS PROVISIONS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Matt MacPherson**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies a provision relating to fireworks.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ provides that restrictions to when sales of fireworks can occur do not apply to **H→**

**12a** specified [~~online~~] specified **←H**

sales.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53-7-225**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 341

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53-7-225** is amended to read:

**53-7-225. Times for sale and discharge of fireworks -- Criminal penalty --**

**Permissible closure of certain areas -- Maps and signage.**



26 (1) Except as provided in Section 53-7-221, this section supersedes any other code  
27 provision regarding the sale or discharge of fireworks.

28 (2) (a) ~~[A]~~ Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a person may sell class C common  
29 state approved explosives in the state as follows:

30 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) beginning on June 24 and ending on July 25;

31 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) beginning on December 29 and ending on December 31; and

32 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) two days before and on the Chinese New Year's eve.

33 (b) The restrictions in Subsection (2)(a) do not apply to ~~H~~ :

33a (i) ~~←H~~ online sales ~~H~~ to a person outside the state for use outside the state ~~←H~~ ~~H~~ [  
33b ]; or

33c (ii) sales to persons described in Subsection 53-7-222(1) (b) (i) (A). ~~←H~~

34 (3) A person may not discharge class C common state approved explosives in the state  
35 except as follows:

36 (a) between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m., except that on July 4 and July 24, the  
37 hours are 11 a.m. to midnight:

38 (i) beginning on July 2 and ending on July 5; and

39 (ii) beginning on July 22 and ending on July 25;

40 (b) (i) beginning at 11 a.m. on December 31 and ending at 1 a.m. on the following day;

41 or

42 (ii) if New Year's eve is on a Sunday and the county, municipality, or metro township  
43 determines to celebrate New Year's eve on the prior Saturday, then a person may discharge  
44 class C common state approved explosives on that prior Saturday within the county,  
45 municipality, or metro township;

46 (c) between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on January 1; and

47 (d) beginning at 11 a.m. on the Chinese New Year's eve and ending at 1 a.m. on the  
48 following day.

49 (4) A person is guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, if the  
50 person discharges a class C common state approved explosive:

51 (a) outside the legal discharge dates and times described in Subsection (3); or

52 (b) in an area in which fireworks are prohibited under Subsection 15A-5-202.5(1)(b).

53 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b) or (c), a county, a municipality, a metro  
54 township, or the state forester may not prohibit a person from discharging class C common  
55 state approved explosives during the permitted periods described in Subsection (3).

56 (b) (i) As used in this Subsection (5)(b), "negligent discharge":