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Offenses

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Offenses

Fireworks

Private Acts of 1947 Chapter 433

SECTION 1. That from and after the effective date of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to possess, store, use, manufacture or sell pyrotechnics, as hereinafter defined, in all Counties of this State having a population of not less than 23,291 and not more than 23,295 inhabitants, according to the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census.

The term "pyrotechnics" as used in this Act shall be held to mean any sparkler, squibb, rocket, firecracker, Roman candle, fire balloon, flashlight composition, fireworks or other similar device or composition used to obtain a visible or audible pyrotechnic display.

SECTION 2. That any article or articles of merchandise coming within the definition of "pyrotechnics" as defined in this Act are hereby declared to be contraband, and subject to confiscation whenever found within the boundaries of any County within this State to which this Act is applicable, and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of any such County, and all peace officers, to seize such article or articles and destroy the same.

SECTION 3. That any person guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, or by confinement in the County jail for not less than thirty days and not more than eleven months and twenty-nine days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 4. That nothing in this Act shall be construed as applying to persons, firms and corporations conducting public displays of pyrotechnics by contract or arrangement with any State or County Fair, patriotic assembly or similar public functions, who acquire all articles used in such pyrotechnic displays from points outside the Counties in this State to which this Act is applicable, and keep such pyrotechnic articles in their possession at all times during the public gathering, and transport the same out of this County upon the conclusion of the arrangement or contract under which such pyrotechnics are displayed for public entertainment.

SECTION 5. That the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable, and if any of its sections, provisions, clauses, or parts be held unconstitutional or void, then the remainder of this Act shall continue in full force and effect, it being the legislative intent now hereby declared, that this Act would have been adopted even if such unconstitutional or void matter had not been included herein.

SECTION 6. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 24, 1947.

Stream Pollution

Private Acts of 1943 Chapter 438

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to throw into, or place in the waters of any river, creek, stream, or course of running water; (or place and leave, or abandon upon the banks thereof in such proximity to such stream or streams as to be carried into said stream or streams during periods of normal high water) any tin cans, bottles, glass, paper, crates or packing cases (either of wood or of fibre board construction) any decayed or decaying animal or vegetable matter, garbage, or raw sewerage.

SECTION 2. That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of Section 1 hereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each offense; and that the trial of any person, firm, or corporation upon the charge of the violation of any of the provisions of this Act may be had before any magistrate within the County wherein the offense was committed, under the procedure provided for the trial of Small Offenses by the Code of 1932. Provided, however, that in cases of habitual or persistent violations the District Attorney General may, in his discretion [sic], abate the same as a public nuisance by appropriate proceedings. Provided further, that the Grand Juries of the Counties of this State shall have inquisitorial powers concerning the violations of this Act.

SECTION 3. That this Act shall only apply to Counties in this State having a population of not less than

23,200 persons, nor more than 23,300 persons by the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census; and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 10, 1943.

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