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**Raised Bill No. 6891**

LCO No. 4178

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT DEFINING THE TERM SPARKLERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-356 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 For the purposes of sections 29-356 to 29-366, inclusive, as amended  
4 by this act:

5 (1) "Fireworks" means and includes any combustible or explosive  
6 composition, or any substance or combination of substances or article  
7 prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by  
8 combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and includes blank  
9 cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes or toy guns in which  
10 explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath  
11 to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles,  
12 Daygo bombs, sparklers or other fireworks of like construction and  
13 any fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound, or  
14 any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance, except  
15 that the term "fireworks" shall not include toy pistols, toy canes, toy  
16 guns or other devices in which paper caps manufactured in accordance

17 with the regulations of the United States Interstate Commerce  
18 Commission or its successor agency for packing and shipping of toy  
19 paper caps are used and toy pistol paper caps manufactured as  
20 provided therein; and

21 (2) "Sparklers" means a wire or stick coated with a pyrotechnic  
22 mixture that does not exceed one hundred grams per item and may  
23 contain magnalium or any chlorate or perchlorate salts of not more  
24 than five grams per item that produces a shower of sparks upon  
25 ignition. "Sparklers" may not contain magnesium.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 29-357 of the general statutes is  
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
28 *October 1, 2005*):

29 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person,  
30 firm or corporation shall offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail or  
31 use or explode or possess with intent to sell, use or explode any  
32 fireworks, except, notwithstanding the provisions of section 29-356,  
33 any person who is sixteen years of age or older may offer for sale,  
34 expose for sale, sell at retail, purchase, use or possess with intent to sell  
35 or use sparklers [of not more than one hundred grams of pyrotechnic  
36 mixture per item, which] that are nonexplosive and nonaerial.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	29-356
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	29-357(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide a definition of the term "sparklers" from the National Fire Prevention Code.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*