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An Act to Change the Permissible Hours and Penalties Pertaining to the Use of Consumer Fireworks

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox. (BY REQUEST)

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 416, §5 and affected
3 by §9, is amended to read:

4 **8. Restrictions on use of consumer fireworks.** The use of consumer fireworks is
5 governed by this subsection.

6 A. Consumer fireworks may be used between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and ~~10:00 p.m.~~
7 9:00 p.m., except that on the following dates they may be used between the hours of
8 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. the following day:

9 (1) July 4th;

10 (2) December 31st; and

11 (3) The weekends immediately before and after July 4th and December 31st.

12 B. A person may use consumer fireworks only on that person's property or on the
13 property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on that
14 property.

15 A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less
16 than ~~\$50~~ \$100 and not more than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000, plus court costs, may be adjudged for any
17 one offense.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill changes the hours consumer fireworks may be used to provide that consumer
20 fireworks may be used from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. It also changes the minimum and
21 maximum penalties for violations related to restrictions on the use of consumer fireworks
22 to provide that the fines are not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 per offense.