Overview

This bill permits the use of certain kinds of fireworks, subject to regulation by the state fire marshal. It also requires that those fireworks be sold through two licensed distributors and permits the fire marshal to limit sales to thirty days before and thirty days after July 4.

Section

1 Definition of fireworks. Removes a statutory provision stating that the term fireworks does not include certain toy pistols and other items. These items are largely covered by language added elsewhere in the bill.

2 Preemption. Provides that any regulation of fireworks by a governmental body other than that provided in the state fireworks statutes is invalid.

3 Permitted fireworks.
   Subd. 1. Sale, possession and use. Provides that the existing prohibition on fireworks use does not prohibit the possession, sale, or use of certain items including explosive caps for use in toy pistols, snakes and glow worms, smoke devices, noisemakers, sparklers, and other novelties. Requires the fireworks to comply with the requirements of the United States consumer product safety commission and the United States department of transportation.
   Subd. 2. Regulation. Requires that the use of fireworks on public property must comply with local ordinances. Permits retail sales of fireworks from June 1 through July 8 and from December 1 through January 5. Permits the use of fireworks from July 1 through July 7 and from December 28 through January 2.
   Subd. 3. Licensed distributors. Prohibits the sale of fireworks permitted in subdivision 1 except by licensed distributors. The fire marshal is to issue two distributor licenses, one of which must be in the seven-county metro area. Permits the fire marshal to suspend or revoke a license for cause and provides that a revocation or suspension shall be handled as a contested case hearing under chapter 14.
Effective date. Makes the bill effective the day following final enactment.