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To: General Fireworks Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
Senate Bill 828

Recommended Actions:
Information Only

Background Information:

In September 2026 the Governor signed SB 828. This bill, among other things, expands disqualification for licensees, expands local agency authority to enforce laws and regulations, allows OSFM to create regulation for fireworks imported into California for transport outside of California, expands the requirements for local permits to be provided during the application process, and expands the definition of Dangerous Fireworks and "fireworks kit".

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

This bill creates an allowance for higher fines for infractions relating to fireworks in California Government Code 25132 and 36900.

Health and Safety Code Section 12505 has been amended to expand the definition of Dangerous Fireworks to include fireworks that have not been examined by the State Fire Marshal. This allows jurisdictions to utilize violations in chapter 7 of the State Fireworks Law for fireworks that are not examined by the State Fire Marshal.

Health and Safety Code 12512 has been amended to expand the definition of "Fireworks Kit" This definition is now more broadly defined to include types of chemical precursors.

Health and Safety Code Section 12607 expands the disqualification for applicants, applicants may have their licenses now denied for conviction of a felony, being under indictment for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, being prohibited from handling explosives under federal law, being ineligible for a Federal Explosives License issued by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or the applicant has been subject to a seizure of fireworks or a denial or revocation of a federal or state fireworks license. Applicants will need to certify at the time of application that none of the disqualifications apply to them.

Health and Safety Code Section 12590.5 and 12590.6 creates notifications to local jurisdictions of fireworks storage within their jurisdiction. This notification shall come from the licensed Wholesaler, Manufacturer or Importer/Exporter.

Health and Safety Code 12619.1 requires that the Import/Export License provide notice to the local jurisdiction listed as the destination of fireworks.

Health and Safety Code 12640.1 creates the requirement that Wholesaler, Manufacturer or Importer/Exporter licensees provide to the State Fire Marshal, documentation affirming possession of a local permit, Federal explosives license, land use permits and storage site locations. Applicants will need to provide the required documents at the time of application for licensure. Upon issuance of the license, the OSFM shall provide a copy of the license to the local agency. Applicants will be required to submit a copy of the required permits at the time of application and renewal, as well as provide contact information for the local agency.

Health and Safety Code 12640.2 and 12640.3 requires the local agency to perform yearly inspections of fireworks storage locations and authorizes the assessment of fees for those inspections.

Potential Industry Impacts:

This bill will expand the disqualification criteria for pyrotechnic operator applicants and renewals. This may reduce the number of candidates available for licensure.

The bill will also require greater involvement of local fire authorities in the licensing process and require them to inspect each storage site of fireworks yearly. This may delay licensing and/or permitting of new facilities, or renewals of licenses and permits. This bill also authorizes AHJs to assess fees to cover the costs of inspecting those facilities.

The requirements for applicants of fireworks licenses have increased to require submission of land-use permits, Federal Explosives Licenses (if applicable), local permits and any other relevant documentation. This also may delay issuance of new or renewed licenses.