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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1007

By: Representative Barnett
By: Senator McGruder

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE JACKSYN ACT; TO ESTABLISH YOUTH FIREWORK PROTECTION MEASURES IN THIS STATE; TO INCREASE THE AGE TO PURCHASE FIREWORKS; TO REQUIRE ADULT ACCOMPANIMENT FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES OF FIREWORKS; TO REQUIRE ADULT SUPERVISION OF MINORS USING FIREWORKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE JACKSYN ACT; TO ESTABLISH YOUTH FIREWORK PROTECTION MEASURES IN THIS STATE; TO INCREASE THE AGE TO PURCHASE FIREWORKS; AND TO REQUIRE ADULT ACCOMPANIMENT FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES OF FIREWORKS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Jacksyn Act".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-22-712 is amended to read as follows:

20-22-712. Sales to certain people prohibited — Accompaniment by adult for certain sales.

(a) It shall be unlawful to offer for retail sale or to sell any fireworks to ~~children~~ an individual under ~~twelve (12)~~ sixteen (16) years of age or to any person known to be intoxicated or irresponsible.

(b)(1) An adult who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age shall accompany an individual who is sixteen (16) years of age and less than eighteen (18) years of age when purchasing fireworks.

(2) If an individual is eighteen (18) years of age, an adult is not required to accompany the individual to purchase fireworks.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 22, Subchapter 7, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-22-718. Adult supervision required.

If an individual under sixteen (16) years of age is using a firework, a responsible adult shall supervise the individual under sixteen (16) years of age at all times.