

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 610

In Senate, April 8, 2025

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

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.