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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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LD 1307 An Act Regarding the Sale and Use of Consumer Fireworks

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 510 requires sellers of consumer fireworks to provide to customers a statement that local ordinances may prohibit or restrict the use of consumer fireworks within a municipality and that information on such prohibitions or restrictions is available through the Office of the State Fire Marshal. It amends litter control law to provide that litter includes all waste materials resulting from the use of consumer fireworks. It amends disorderly conduct law to provide that the making of loud and unreasonable noise, which can be an element of the crime of disorderly conduct, includes loud and unreasonable noise resulting from the use of consumer fireworks.

LD 1348 Resolve, To Study the Impacts of Consumer Fireworks Use

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 135 directs the State Fire Marshal to convene a stakeholder group to review matters relating to the impacts of consumer fireworks use. On or before January 15, 2023, the State Fire Marshal is required to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters a report outlining the findings and any recommendations of the stakeholder group, including any proposed legislation, and the committee is authorized to report out legislation relating to the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1446 An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 619 makes the following changes to the law governing permits to carry a concealed handgun.

1. It clarifies the law regarding the designation of the issuing authority by municipalities that have a full-time chief of police and by municipalities that do not have a full-time chief of police. It also provides a definition for “municipal officers.”
2. It authorizes the municipal officers of a municipality, regardless of whether the municipality has a full-time chief of police, to designate as the issuing authority the chief of police of an adjacent municipality or the sheriff of the county in which the municipality is located if the chief or sheriff agrees to that designation.

Public Law 2021, chapter 619 also requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to convene a stakeholder group to review the laws of this State regulating the issuance of permits to carry a concealed handgun and develop findings and recommendations for changes to