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In Senate, February 10, 2015

An Act To Encourage Responsible Consumer Fireworks Use

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senators: BURNS of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives:
FOWLE of Vassalboro, HEAD of Bethel, NADEAU of Winslow.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§8, ¶C** is enacted to read:

3 C. A person may not use consumer fireworks if the Governor has prohibited out-of-
4 door fires pursuant to Title 12, section 9001, subsection 2.

5 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

6 **14. Disorderly conduct.** Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person
7 may be guilty of disorderly conduct pursuant to Title 17-A, section 501-A if the person
8 uses consumer fireworks in a manner that causes loud and unreasonable noises.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill makes the following changes to the consumer fireworks law.

11 1. It prohibits the use of consumer fireworks whenever the Governor issues a
12 proclamation prohibiting out-of-door fires.

13 2. It clarifies that the use of consumer fireworks may constitute loud and
14 unreasonable noise under the disorderly conduct law pursuant to the Maine Revised
15 Statutes, Title 17-A, section 501-A.