

A BILL

entitled

EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT ACT 2025

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Explosive Substances Act 1974 to allow fireworks permits to be issued to trained and certified pyrotechnicians employed by pyrotechnics companies;

Be it enacted by The King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act, which amends the Explosive Substances Act 1974 (the “principal Act”), may be cited as the Explosive Substances Amendment Act 2025.

Amends section 10

2 Section 10(1) of the principal Act is repealed and replaced with the following—

“Fireworks

10 (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act the Commissioner may, after consultation with the Chief Fire Officer, grant a permit to—

- (a) a public officer in his capacity as such;
- (b) a municipal corporation;
- (c) the manager of a hotel; or
- (d) a trained and certified pyrotechnician employed by a pyrotechnics company,

to hold a display of fireworks and, for that purpose, to import and be in possession of fireworks.”.

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Amends section 11

3 Section 11(8) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Government Fees Act 1965” and substituting the words “Government Fees Regulations 1976”.

Consequential amendment

4 The Schedule to the Government Fees Regulations 1976 is amended in Head 29 by deleting in paragraph (e) the words “\$300” and substituting “\$500”.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Explosive Substances Act 1974 (the “principal Act”) to allow for fireworks permits to be issued to trained and certified pyrotechnicians employed by pyrotechnics companies.

Clause 1 provides the citation for the Bill.

Clause 2 amends the principal Act by repealing section 10(1) and replacing it with a provision to allow for a new category of person to whom a fireworks permit may be granted; and to allow for consultation between the Commissioner and the Chief Fire Officer regarding the grant of fireworks permits.

Clause 3 amends the principal Act in section 11(8) by deleting the reference to the Government Fees Act 1965 and substituting it with the Government Fees Regulations 1976, so as to provide a more accurate reference to the statutory instrument wherein the fees payable for a license or permit are prescribed.

Clause 4 provides for the consequential amendment to the Government Fees Regulations 1976.