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10 **AN ACT CONCERNING**

20 Public Safety – Fireworks and Sparklers – Penalties

30 FOR the purpose of increasing the fines of those found guilty of selling fireworks in the state of Maryland
40 and to prescribe methods for the disposal of illegal fireworks.

50 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments,

60 Article – Public Safety

70 Section § 10-111

80 Annotated Code of Maryland

90 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the Laws of
100 Maryland read as follows;

110 **Article – Public Safety**

120 **§ 10-111. Penalties**

130 (a) *Possessing or discharging fireworks in violation of subtitle.*- A person who possesses
140 or discharges fireworks in violation of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
150 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 for each offense.

160 (b) *Selling fireworks in violation of subtitle.*- A person who sells fireworks in violation of
170 this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not
180 exceeding ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500 for each offense.

190 (c) *Seizure and forfeiture of fireworks.*-

200 (1) At the expense of the owner, the State Fire Marshal shall seize and remove
210 all fireworks possessed or sold in violation of this subtitle.

220 (2) Fireworks described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be forfeited ~~and~~
230 ~~destroyed~~ FOR USE IN A FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD
240 ANNUALLY ON JULY 4 IN FULTON, MARYLAND.

250 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act shall take effect June 1, 2009.

260 **MANDATES:** Governor Martin O'Malley
270 Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller
280 House Majority Leader Kumar P. Barve
290 Senator James Robey
300 Delegate Shane Pendergrass
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