

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183, January 30, 1992]

AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Purpose of this Act.* - It is the purpose of this Act to regulate and control the manufacture, sale, distribution and use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices consistent with, and in furtherance of, public safety, order and national security, as well as the enhancement of the cultural traditions.

SEC. 2. *Types of Firecrackers and Pyrotechnic Devices Allowed in this Act.* - The following common types of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices may be manufactured, sold, distributed and used:

A. Firecrackers:

1. *Baby rocket* - A firecracker with a stick so constructed that lighting of the wick will propel the whole thing to lift a few meters before exploding. The firecracker is about 1 1/2 inches in length by 3/8 inch in diameter while the stick is about a foot in length;
2. *Bawang* - A firecracker larger than a triangulo with 1/3 teaspoon of powder packed in cardboard tied around with abaca strings and wrapped in shape of garlic;
3. *Small triangulo* - A firecracker shaped like a triangle with powder content less than the bawang and usually wrapped in brown paper measuring 3/4 inch length in its longest side;
4. *Pulling of strings* - A firecracker consisting of a small tube about an inch in length and less than 1/4 of an inch in diameter with strings on each end. Pulling both strings will cause the firecracker to explode;
5. *Paper caps* - Minute amount of black powder spread in either small strips of paper or on a small sheet used for children's toy guns;
6. *El diablo* - Firecrackers tubular in shape about 1 1/4 inches in length and less than 1/4 inch in diameter with a wick; also known as labintador;
7. *Watusi* - Usually reddish in color about 1 1/2 inches in length and 1/10 inch in width usually ignited by friction to produce a dancing movement and a crackling sound;
8. *Judah's belt* - A string of firecrackers consisting of either diablos or small triangulos that can number up to a hundred or thereabout and culminating in a large firecracker usually a bawang;
9. *Sky rocket (kwitis)* - A large version of a baby rocket designed to be propelled to a height of forty (40) to fifty (50) feet before exploding;
10. Other types equivalent to the foregoing in explosive content.

B. Pyrotechnic Devices:

1. *Sparklers* - Pyrotechnic devices usually made of black powder on a piece of wire or inside a paper tube designed to light up and glow after igniting;
2. *Luces* - Any of several kinds of sparklers;
3. *Fountain* - A kind of sparkler conical in shape which is lighted on the ground and designed to provide various rising colors and intermittent lights upon being ignited;
4. *Jumbo regular and special* - A kind of sparkler similar to a "fountain" but bigger in size;
5. *Mabuhay* - Sparklers bunched into a bundle of a dozen pieces;
6. *Roman candle* - A sparkler similar to a "fountain" but shaped like a big candle;
7. *Trompillo* - A pyrotechnic device usually fastened at the center and designed to spin first clockwise and then counterclockwise and provides various colored lights upon being ignited;
8. *Airwolf* - A kind of sky rocket shaped like an airplane with a propeller to rise about forty (40) or fifty (50) feet and provide various kinds of light while aloft;
9. *Whistle device* - Any of the various kinds of firecrackers or pyrotechnic designed to either simply emit a whistle-like sound or explode afterwards upon being ignited;
10. *Butterfly* - Butterfly-shaped pyrotechnic device designed to lift above ground which providing light;
11. All kinds of pyrotechnic devices (pailaw); and
12. Other types equivalent to the foregoing devices.

SEC. 3. *Prohibited Types of Firecrackers and Pyrotechnic Devices.* - The manufacture, sale, distribution and use of other types of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices not mentioned in the foregoing section, of such explosive content that could endanger life and limb, such as atomic big triangulo and super lolo and their equivalent are hereby prohibited. Determination of what constitutes prohibited firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices shall be vested with the Director-General of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

SEC. 4. *License or Permit Requirements.* - License or permit to manufacture, sell and distribute firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices shall be granted for the manufacture, sale and distribution of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices enumerated in Section 2 hereof. Under no circumstances shall a license or permit be granted for the manufacture, sale and/or distribution of prohibited firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices mentioned in Section 3 hereof.

Any person desiring to manufacture, sell or distribute fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices shall file his application for the issuance of license or business permit with the Chief of the PNP, through the provincial director of the province where the business or project is located. Applicants from Metro Manila shall submit their application through the Commanding Officer of the Firearms and Explosives Unit, Headquarters, PNP.

Reasonable fees may be charged for the issuance of said licenses or permits to defray the cost of regulating the manufacture, sale and distribution of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices.

SEC. 5. *Qualifications of Manufacturers or Dealers.* - A license or permit to