

SENATE BILL 2543

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 104, relative to display operators.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-104-208(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a) The fire marshal shall establish a program of certification for outdoor fireworks display operators and proximate pyrotechnic display operators. To receive certification, an individual must apply for certification to the fire marshal on a form to be prescribed by the fire marshal, must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, must not have been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any state or federal felony, and must show that the applicant has worked under competent supervision on at least ten (10) displays in each area in which certification is desired within the twelve-month period immediately preceding the application. In addition, an applicant must meet the following requirements for the areas in which the applicant desires certification:

(1) To be certified as an outdoor fireworks display operator, the individual must pass a written examination that tests outdoor display operator knowledge, approved by and conducted under the auspices of the fire marshal, and pay a certification fee not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) to be set by rule by the fire marshal; and

(2) To be certified as a proximate pyrotechnic display operator, the individual must pass a written examination that tests pyrotechnic special effects operator knowledge, approved by and conducted under the auspices of the fire

marshal, and pay a certification fee not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)

to be set by rule by the fire marshal.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-104-208(d)(2), is amended by deleting the language "three (3)".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to applications for certification or renewal submitted on or after that date.