

The House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security offers the following substitute to SB 253:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 25-10-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions relative to the regulation of fireworks, so as to provide a definition of the term  
3 'indoors'; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia  
4 Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to the Department of Public Safety, so  
5 as to authorize the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to issue permits to  
6 firefighters for the use of flashing emergency lights under certain circumstances; to provide  
7 for rules and regulations and limitations on the use of flashing emergency lights by  
8 firefighters; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
9 laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Code Section 25-10-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
13 relative to the regulation of fireworks, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

14 "(a) As used in this chapter, the term:

15 (1) 'Fireworks' means any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or  
16 combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or  
17 audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, including blank  
18 cartridges, balloons requiring fire underneath to propel them, firecrackers, torpedos,  
19 skyrockets, Roman candles, bombs, sparklers, and other combustibles and explosives of  
20 like construction, as well as articles containing any explosive or flammable compound  
21 and tablets and other devices containing an explosive substance.

22 (2) 'Indoors' means within a building or an enclosed structure or beneath any structure  
23 used for sheltering any use or occupancy.



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**SECTION 3.**

58 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
59 without such approval.

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**SECTION 4.**

61 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.