
HOUSE BILL 2672

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1 AN ACT Relating to local fireworks ordinances; and amending RCW
2 70.77.250.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.77.250 and 2002 c 370 s 19 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
7 of fire protection, shall enforce and administer this chapter.

8 (2) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
9 of fire protection, shall appoint such deputies and employees as may be
10 necessary and required to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

11 (3) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
12 of fire protection, shall adopt those rules relating to fireworks as
13 are necessary for the implementation of this chapter.

14 (4) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
15 of fire protection, shall adopt those rules as are necessary to ensure
16 statewide minimum standards for the enforcement of this chapter.
17 Counties and cities shall comply with these state rules. Any
18 ordinances adopted by a county or city that are more restrictive than

1 state law shall have an effective date no sooner than (~~one year~~) six
2 months after their adoption.

3 (5) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
4 of fire protection, may exercise the necessary police powers to enforce
5 the criminal provisions of this chapter. This grant of police powers
6 does not prevent any other state agency and city, county, or local
7 government agency having general law enforcement powers from enforcing
8 this chapter within the jurisdiction of the agency and city, county, or
9 local government.

10 (6) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
11 of fire protection, shall adopt rules necessary to enforce the civil
12 penalty provisions for the violations of this chapter. A civil penalty
13 under this subsection may not exceed one thousand dollars per day for
14 each violation and is subject to the procedural requirements under RCW
15 70.77.252.

16 (7) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
17 of fire protection, may investigate or cause to be investigated all
18 fires resulting, or suspected of resulting, from the use of fireworks.

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