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H.B. No. 257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the dates a retail fireworks permit holder may sell
3 fireworks to the public.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 2154.202(g), Occupations Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (g) Except as provided by Subsection (h), a retail fireworks
8 permit holder may sell fireworks only to the public, and only during
9 periods:

10 (1) beginning June 24 and ending at midnight on July 5
11 [4];

12 (2) beginning December 20 and ending at midnight on
13 January 1 of the following year; and

14 (3) beginning May 1 and ending at midnight on May 5 if
15 the fireworks are sold at a location that is not more than 100 miles
16 from the Texas-Mexico border and that is in a county in which the
17 commissioners court of the county has approved the sale of
18 fireworks during the period.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.