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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for a fireworks sales building of an indoor retail fireworks site.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2154.221, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2154.221.  FIREWORKS SALES BUILDING. (a) The fireworks sales building of an indoor retail fireworks site must:

(1)  be a freestanding durable structure with only one story of the building accessible to the public;

(2)  be, at the time the building's construction commences, a minimum distance of 100 feet from any inhabited building;

(3)  have, at a minimum, one-hour fire-rated exterior walls with minimum three-fourths-hour fire-rated protected openings; and

(4)  have a complete automatic fire sprinkler system installed in accordance with the provisions of the edition of the National Fire Protection Association, Standard 13, "Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems," as adopted and amended by the commissioner.

(b)  The fireworks sales building of an indoor retail fireworks site may not be:

(1)  a tent, boat, or mobile vehicle; or

(2)  part of a multiuse or multi-tenant building.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a fireworks sales building of an indoor retail fireworks site for which construction commences on or after September 1, 2023. A fireworks sales building of an indoor retail fireworks site for which construction commenced before that date is governed by the law in effect before September 1, 2023, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.