

CHAPTER 44

**GOVERNMENT - COUNTY**

SENATE BILL 19-019

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Gray, Hooton, Arndt, Bird, Cutter, Esgar, Exum, Hansen, Herod, Kipp, McLachlan, Sirota, Snyder,  
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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE POWER OF A COUNTY TO RESTRICT THE USE OF FIREWORKS DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN MAY 31 AND JULY 5 OF ANY YEAR.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-15-401, **amend** (1)(n.5)(V) introductory portion, (1)(n.5)(V)(A), and (1)(n.7) as follows:

**30-15-401. General regulations - definitions.** (1) In addition to those powers granted by sections 30-11-101 and 30-11-107 and by parts 1, 2, and 3 of this article 15, the board of county commissioners has the power to adopt ordinances for control or licensing of those matters of purely local concern that are described in the following enumerated powers:

(n.5) (V) For purposes of this ~~paragraph (n.5)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(n.5):

(A) "Competent evidence" includes the use of the national fire danger rating system, PREDICTIONS OF FUTURE FIRE DANGER SUCH AS THOSE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL INTERRAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER OR ANY SUCCESSOR ENTITY, LOCALIZED EVIDENCE OF LOW FUEL MOISTURE CONTENT, and any other similar indices or information.

(n.7) To prohibit or restrict the sale, use, and possession of fireworks, including permissible fireworks, as defined in section 24-33.5-2001 (5) and (11), for a period no longer than one year within all or any part of the unincorporated areas of the county. ~~except that~~ Such an ordinance shall ~~not~~ be in effect FOR THE PERIOD between May 31 and July 5 of any year ~~unless the ordinance~~ ONLY IF THE COUNTY ADOPTS A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR SUCH

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PERIOD, WHICH RESOLUTION includes an express finding of high fire danger, based on competent evidence, as defined in subsection (1)(n.5) of this section. HOWEVER, IF THE COUNTY ADOPTS A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR SUCH PERIOD, OR ANY PORTION OF SUCH PERIOD, AND SUBSEQUENT TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER OCCURS RESULTING IN COMPETENT EVIDENCE THAT THE HIGH FIRE DANGER IS NOT PRESENT AND NO LONGER WILL BE PRESENT DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE PERIOD, THE COUNTY SHALL ENDEAVOR TO PROMPTLY CONSIDER WHETHER TO EXERCISE ITS LEGISLATIVE DISCRETION TO RESCIND THE RESTRICTIONS IT HAS ADOPTED ON THE SALE, USE, AND POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(n.7), THE ORDINANCE REMAINS IN EFFECT AND IS FULLY ENFORCEABLE UNTIL THE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN RESCINDED.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 21, 2019