

1-1 By: Leo Wilson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 554
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
1-4 Government; May 9, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 9, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Bettencourt	X			
1-9	Middleton	X			
1-10	Cook	X			
1-11	Gutierrez			X	
1-12	Nichols	X			
1-13	Paxton	X			
1-14	West			X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the sale of fireworks on and before the Juneteenth
1-18 holiday.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 2154.202(g), Occupations Code, is
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (g) Except as provided by Subsection (h), a retail fireworks
1-23 permit holder may sell fireworks only to the public, and only during
1-24 periods:

1-25 (1) beginning June 14 and ending at midnight on June 19
1-26 in a county in which the commissioners court of the county has
1-27 approved the sale of fireworks during the period;

1-28 (2) beginning June 24 and ending at midnight on July 4;
1-29 ~~(3) [2] beginning December 20 and ending at midnight~~

1-30 on January 1 of the following year; and

1-31 ~~(4) [3] beginning May 1 and ending at midnight on~~
1-32 May 5 if the fireworks are sold at a location that is not more than
1-33 100 miles from the Texas-Mexico border and that is in a county in
1-34 which the commissioners court of the county has approved the sale of
1-35 fireworks during the period.

1-36 SECTION 2. Sections 352.051(b) and (d), Local Government
1-37 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-38 (b)(1) The Texas A&M Forest Service in the ordinary course
1-39 of its activities shall determine whether drought conditions, as
1-40 defined under Subsection (a)(2), exist on average in any county
1-41 requesting such a determination. The Texas A&M Forest Service
1-42 shall make available the measurement index guidelines used to
1-43 determine whether drought conditions exist in a particular area.
1-44 Following any determination that such drought conditions exist, the
1-45 Texas A&M Forest Service shall notify said county or counties when
1-46 such drought conditions no longer exist. The Texas A&M Forest
1-47 Service shall make its services available each day during the Texas
1-48 Independence Day, San Jacinto Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth
1-49 of July, Diwali, and December fireworks seasons to respond to the
1-50 request of any county for a determination whether drought
1-51 conditions exist on average in the county.

1-52 (2) The Texas A&M Forest Service shall be allowed to
1-53 take such donations of equipment or funds as necessary to aid in the
1-54 carrying out of this section.

1-55 (d) To facilitate compliance with an order adopted under
1-56 Subsection (c), the order must be adopted before:

1-57 (1) February 15 of each year for the Texas
1-58 Independence Day fireworks season;

1-59 (2) April 1 of each year for the San Jacinto Day
1-60 fireworks season;

1-61 (3) April 25 of each year for the Cinco de Mayo

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