S.B. No. 996 1-1 By: Nichols 1**-**2 1**-**3 (In the Senate - Filed January 29, 2025; February 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; 1-4 March 31, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, 1-5 Nays 0; March 31, 2025, sent to printer.) 1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE 1 - 7Yea Nav Absent PNV 1-8 Bettencourt Middleton 1-9 X 1-10 1-11 Cook Gutierrez 1-12 Nichols X 1-13 Paxton X West 1-14 1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 1-16 1-17 1-18 relating to fireworks sales to the public by retail fireworks permit holders on certain dates. 1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 2154.202, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows: 1-20 1-21 (g-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (g), a retail fireworks permit holder may sell fireworks only to the public during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 5, 2026, and ending at 11:59 1-22 1-23 1-24

p.m. on July 5, 2026. This subsection expires September 1, 2026. SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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