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1990 Senate No. 490

1 AN ACT concerning the use of model rockets and supplementing
2 P.L.1960, c.55 (C.21:1A-128 et seq.).

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

6 1. As used in this act:

7 "Model rocket" means a commercially made rocket that is
8 propelled by a rocket motor; that contains a device for returning
9 it to the ground in a condition to fly again; whose structural parts
10 are made of paper, wood, or breakable plastic and contain no
11 substantial metal parts; and whose primary use is for purposes of
12 education, recreation, and sporting competition.

13 "Rocket motor" means a device that provides the necessary
14 force or thrust to cause a rocket to move and the force or thrust
15 is created by the discharge of gas generated by combustion,
16 decomposition, change of state, or other operation of materials
17 completely stored within the rocket motor during the commercial
18 manufacturing process and requiring no mixing of propellants.

19 2. Model rockets offered for sale, sold, used, or made available
20 to the public in this State shall be examined and tested by the
21 Department of Labor to determine if they comply with the
22 requirements of this act and with the rules and regulations
23 promulgated thereto. The Commissioner of the Department of
24 Labor shall certify as acceptable for sale and use those products
25 that do comply. At the discretion of the commissioner, the
26 examination, testing, and certification may be carried out by an
27 approved testing laboratory or an organization such as the
28 National Association of Rocketry or an organization affiliated
29 with the National Aeronautic Association.

30 The commissioner shall maintain a current and complete list of
31 all model rockets which have received certification and shall
32 make copies of this list available to any person upon request.

33 3. A model rocket shall not be sold, offered for sale, made
34 available to the public, or used in this State unless it has been
35 certified by the commissioner.

36 A model rocket shall not be used in this State except in
37 accordance with this act and in compliance with the rules and
38 regulations promulgated in accordance with section 6 of this act.

39 4. a. A person at least 14 years of age, but less than 18 years
40 of age, shall be eligible to purchase and use a model rocket
41 bearing the standardized engine coding 1/4A, 1/2A, A, B, and C

1 provided that the person has a consent form signed by a parent or
2 legal guardian.

3 b. A person at least 18 years of age shall be permitted to
4 purchase and use a model rocket of any type or size.

5 c. A person at least 12 years of age but less than 14 years of
6 age who is a participant in a bona fide model rocket education
7 program may fire a model rocket bearing the standardized engine
8 coding 1/4A, 1/2A, A, B, and C only when under the direct
9 supervision and control of a person who is at least 21 years of age
10 and only during the course of the model rocket education program.

11 d. A person shall be required to obtain a permit for the storage
12 of more than 100 kg (220 lbs.) of solid propellant model rockets.
13 No other permit shall be required for the possession, use,
14 purchase, transportation, or sale of model rockets.

15 5. A person who violates any of the provisions of this act shall
16 be fined \$100.00 which shall be collected in a civil action by a
17 summary proceeding under the "penalty enforcement law"
18 (N.J.S.2A:58-1 et seq).

19 6. The Commissioner of the Department of Labor shall
20 establish rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative
21 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) which shall
22 substantially comply with the NFPA 1122 Code for Unmanned
23 Rockets of the National Fire Protection Association. The rules
24 and regulations shall include, but need not be limited to, the
25 procedures for obtaining the permit specified in subsection d. of
26 section 4 of this act, the procedures to be followed for the
27 permitted use of model rockets, and the acceptable design,
28 weight, and power of model rockets.

29 7. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment,
30 but sections 2 and 6 shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires model rockets offered for sale, sold, used, or
36 made available to the public in this State to be examined and
37 tested by the Department of Labor to determine if they comply
38 with the requirements of the bill and with the rules and
39 regulations promulgated thereto. The Commissioner of the
40 Department of Labor will certify as acceptable for sale and use
41 those products that do comply.

42 The Commissioner of the Department of Labor will promulgate
43 rules and regulations which substantially comply with the NFPA
44 1122 Code for Unmanned Rockets by the National Fire Protection
45 Association.

46 This bill will eliminate the requirement that a person obtain a
47 permit for the use and sale of model rockets in this State in
48 recognition of the fact that model rocketry is a safe recreational

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Regulates the use of model rockets.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 490

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 18, 1990

The Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 490.

This bill concerns the sale and use of model rockets in this State. All model rockets to be offered for sale, sold, used, or made available to the public in this State must be certified by the Department of Labor as acceptable for sale and use. The Commissioner of the Department of Labor will have to promulgate rules and regulations which substantially comply with the Nationally Recognized National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1122 Code for Unmanned Rockets.

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A person at least 12, but less than 14 years of age, who is a participant in a model rocket education program may fire a model rocket bearing the standardized engine designation coding 1/4A, 1/2A, A, B, or C only when under the direct supervision and control of a person who is at least 21 years of age and only during the course of the education program.

This bill will eliminate the requirement that a person obtain a permit for the use and sale of model rockets in this State in recognition of the fact that model rocketry is a safe recreational activity and an educational hobby which the youth of this State should be encouraged to pursue.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1990 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 1991

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