



HOUSE BILL 686: Freedom to Celebrate the Fourth of July.

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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 686 would allow 4th of July parades and regulated firework displays.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 would prohibit an Executive Order or declaration prohibiting parades, or a firework displays done in accordance with the pyrotechnics' laws, to be held on the 4th of July.

Section 2 would prohibit municipalities or counties from prohibiting a parade, or a firework display done in accordance with the pyrotechnics' laws, to be held on the 4th of July.

Section 3 would protect a person from prosecution for the Class 2 misdemeanor of violating an Executive Order or local declaration, for attending or participating in a parade or firework display on the 4th of July.

Section 4 would limit civil liability regarding the contraction of COVID-19, at a parade, or a firework display done in accordance with the pyrotechnics' laws, to be held on the 4th of July.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law and expires when any applicable declaration of emergency prohibitions and restrictions expire or are terminated to permit parades and firework displays on the 4th of July.

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