

January 26, 1951.
Judiciary No. 1.

House File 235
By KOSEK.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section seven hundred thirty-two point seventeen (732.17), Code 1950, relating to the definition of "fireworks".

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section seven hundred thirty-two point
2 seventeen (732.17), Code 1950, is amended by inserting after
3 the word "visible" in line five (5) the words "or an".

1 Sec. 2. Section seven hundred thirty-two point seventeen
2 (732.17), Code 1950, is further amended by striking the period
3 at the end thereof and adding the following: "; except that
4 the term "fireworks" shall not include toy pistols, toy canes,
5 toy guns or other devices in which paper caps containing
6 twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound
7 are used, provided they are so constructed that the hand
8 cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for use,
9 and toy pistol paper caps which contain twenty-five hundredths
10 grains or less of explosive mixture, the sale of which shall
11 be permitted at all times."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 235

In 1937 Iowa adopted the Model State Fireworks Law. Under the present Iowa law the sale of toy pistols and paper caps is illegal.

Later the National Fire Protective Association amended its definition of "fireworks" in the "Model Fireworks Bill", so that the term "fireworks" does not now include toy pistols and paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths or less of explosive mixture.

The exemption in fireworks legislation to permit the sale of toy pistols and paper caps has been adopted by the legislature in Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Montana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and New York. This Bill makes the Iowa law uniform with those of other states.