

suant to this subtitle. The inspections shall encompass all aspects of plant operation.

(d) It is unlawful to manufacture or process fireworks in the State of Maryland except in a licensed fireworks plant. Any person, firm, or corporation manufacturing or processing fireworks in this State at any location other than licensed fireworks plant is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(e) A license to manufacture fireworks, granted pursuant to this section, permits the licensee to manufacture, process, and store Class C fireworks, and rockets and Roman Candles as hereinafter permitted. The manufacture of any Class B display fireworks, fireworks commonly known as "flash and sound," products utilizing potassium chlorate, and any explosives, including Class B special fireworks other than rockets and Roman Candles, is unlawful, except as authorized by any other law. **THE STORAGE OF CLASS B FIREWORKS OTHER THAN ROCKETS OR ROMAN CANDLES IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY THIS SUBSECTION.** Class B fireworks for authorized displays may be stored in a separate storage building approved by the State Fire Marshal upon obtaining a permit from the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal may issue a permit for the storage of Class B display fireworks for only that material for which the applicant has valid orders, and the permits shall specify the type and quantity of Class B material and order number. A permit for storage may be issued for a period not to extend beyond the date of the authorized display and in no case to exceed ten days. ~~and shall not be renewable for the same material.~~ Any person violating this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(f) Violation of any provision of this subtitle or of any regulation promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission shall have the following additional effect:

(1) for the first violation—suspension of the license for not more than 30 days at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal.

(2) for the second violation within a five-year period—mandatory suspension of the license for 30 days.

(3) three violations within a five-year period—mandatory revocation of the license.

Upon finding a violation, and either suspending or revoking a license, the State Fire Marshal shall file in his office a statement of the nature of the violation and furnish a copy to the owner and operator of the fireworks plant.

(g) In the event of suspension, revocation, or non-renewal of a license, the State Fire Marshal or his designee shall determine whether continued maintenance of explosive composition within the plant constitutes a danger to public safety. If the determination is that there is created a danger to public safety, the State Fire Marshal or his designee shall assume responsibility for the removal and disposal of the explosive composition. Notwithstanding any appeal that may be pending, if the State Fire Marshal determines there is a clear and present danger to the public safety, this subsection applies.