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Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th and Mullis of the 53rd offered the following amendment:

## **ADOPTED**

1 Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 419 (LC 41 1515S) by 2

replacing lines 4 through 6 with the following:

for conditions; to provide for meeting notice requirements; to revise procedures and

requirements concerning consumer fireworks for a drought declaration; to require certain

signs in the retail display area for consumer fireworks; to provide for related matters; to

6 repeal

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By replacing lines 103 through 116 with the following:

(E) Whenever the Governor issues a declaration of drought, the Governor may, for the boundaries of the area covered by such declaration, enact further regulations and restrictions concerning the use of consumer fireworks than provided for under this chapter; provided, however, that no such further regulations or restrictions on the use of consumer fireworks shall be effective pursuant to this subparagraph on January 1, July 3, July 4, or December 31 of any year; provided, further, that such further regulations or restrictions shall only apply to the exact boundaries of the area covered by such declaration and shall only apply with regard to the ignition of consumer fireworks; and provided, further, that upon expiration or conclusion of such declaration, such further regulations or restrictions shall be rescinded by law. Whenever the Keetch-Byram Drought Index reaches a level of 700 or above for any geographical area within a county, the Governor may, in consultation with the State Forestry Commission and the Department of Natural Resources and for purposes of this Code section, issue a declaration of drought for such county and enact further regulations and restrictions prohibiting any person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership to ignite or cause to be ignited consumer fireworks within the boundaries of such county for the duration of such declaration; provided, however, that upon expiration or conclusion of such declaration or the level on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index receding below 700, whichever occurs first, such further regulations or restrictions shall be rescinded by law.