

## Court Strikes Down Parts of Fireworks Law

The Commonwealth Court ruled in December 2018 that part of Pennsylvania's new fireworks law (Act 43 of 2017) was unconstitutional, including throwing out the part that permitted sales from roadside tents.

Also, the availability of such explosives will be limited in-state buyers.

The rest of the law was left intact. Sales of Roman candles, bottle rockets, and other airborne fireworks will continue

at the state's brick-and-mortar fireworks stores.

The 2017 law's 12 percent tax will also remain in place.

Pennsylvania limits sales of consumer-grade fireworks to people at least 18 years old. Users must have permission of the property owner and may not use them inside buildings or motor vehicles or within 150 feet of an occupied structure. Violations are punishable by fines. **B**

## Have a Question?

**PSAB's Government Affairs Department Can Help.**

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## Increased Access for Seniors Seeking Prescription Drug Assistance

Act 87 of 2018 expanded income limits for older Pennsylvanians who qualify for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier (PACENET) program. Modifications made under Act 87 marked the first expansion of income eligibility limits for PACENET in nearly 15 years.

Under the Act, income limits for PACENET have increased from \$23,500 to \$27,500 for individuals

and from \$31,500 to \$35,500 for married couples.

The PA Department of Aging estimates that an additional 14,500 individuals will be eligible for PACENET due to the income eligibility expansion.

PACENET and its companion program, PACE, are funded by the PA State Lottery.

For more information, visit [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov). **B**

