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(Neb.)-Fireworks Stand Numbers Fizzle For New Year's Eve

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LINCOLN, Nebraska (AP) - A Nebraska state law that let local governments decide whether to allow fireworks sales for the New Year's Eve holiday is proving to be a bit of a dud.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports that the number of stands declined this year to 27, down from 28 last year. The Nebraska State Fire Marshal's office says there 45 in 2010, the year the law went into effect.

Assistant State Fire Marshal Jim Heine says he can't point to a specific reason for the decline, but he speculates that low temperatures are a factor.

Heine says some retailers told him they would only try selling fireworks in winter for five years after the law went into effect to see what would happen to sales.

There are no stands in Chadron this year.