
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6481

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTENTIONAL RELEASE OF CERTAIN BALLOONS.

SUMMARY

Beginning October 1, 2023, this bill generally prohibits knowingly releasing, organizing the release of, or intentionally causing the release of helium or other lighter-than-air gas balloons into the atmosphere. Current law limits releases to fewer than 10 balloons within a 24-hour period. As under existing law, a violation of the ban is an infraction.

The bill exempts from the ban balloons deployed by the National Weather Service or similar research entities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (02/17/2023)