



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

Raised Bill No. 6481

LCO No. 2952



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTENTIONAL RELEASE OF CERTAIN
BALLOONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) No person, nonprofit organization, firm or corporation, including
4 the state and its political subdivisions, shall knowingly release, organize
5 the release of or intentionally cause to be released into the atmosphere
6 [within a twenty-four-hour period ten or more] helium or other lighter-
7 than-air gas balloons in the state. The provisions of this section shall not
8 apply to any such balloon deployed by the National Weather Service or
9 any similar research entity.

10 (b) Any violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be an
11 infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2023	26-25c
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the release of helium and lighter-than-air balloons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]