



General Assembly

January Session, 2019

**Committee Bill No. 5314**

LCO No. 3376



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF HELIUM BALLOONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE.**

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 Section 26-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2019*):

3 (a) No person, nonprofit organization, firm or corporation,  
4 including the state and its political subdivisions, shall knowingly  
5 release, organize the release of or intentionally cause to be released  
6 into the atmosphere [within a twenty-four-hour period ten or more]  
7 helium or other lighter-than-air gas balloons in the state.

8 (b) Any violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be an  
9 infraction.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2019	26-25c
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To address the environmental harm caused to Long Island Sound and other waterways from the intentional release of helium 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.]*

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