



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

Raised Bill No. 5294

LCO No. 1564



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 Section 26-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2022*):

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.

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	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	26-25c
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the intentional release of certain helium balloons that become a source of litter in the landscape and waterways of the state.

[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.]