



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5294

February Session, 2022



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 Section 26-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the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. 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	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	26-25c
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