



General Assembly

February Session, 2020

**Raised Bill No. 5339**

LCO No. 1526



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 Section 26-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2020*):

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, 2020</i>	26-25c
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit the knowing release of helium balloons into the atmosphere.

*[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.]*