

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 982**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sarah K. Peake***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to helium balloons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 982) of Sarah K. Peake and others relative to the sale, distribution and release of balloons. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 843 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to helium balloons.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 official edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

3 Section 119. The sale, distribution and release of any type of balloon, including, but not  
4 limited to, plastic, latex or mylar, filled with any type of lighter than air gas, both for public or  
5 private use, is hereby prohibited. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be  
6 punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

7 The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) balloons released by or on behalf of  
8 any agency of the commonwealth or the United States for scientific or meteorological purposes,  
9 or (ii) hot air balloons that are recovered after launch.