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AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF LIGHTER-THAN-AIR BALLOONS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 4385)

Senate Calendar No.: 256

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various changes regarding the sale and release of balloons resulting in the potential minimal revenue gain described below.

Section 1 prohibits the release of helium or other lighter-than-air gas balloons into the atmosphere and results in a minimal potential revenue gain to the state to the extent new offenses are committed and fines are collected.¹

Section 2 requires balloon retailers to attach a weight to balloons and allows the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to issue a civil penalty of up to \$20 per violation resulting in a potential minimal revenue gain to the General Fund to the extent violations occur.

Senate "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact

¹Between FY 22 and FY 25, no offenses were recorded under CGS § 26-25c.

resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above will continue into the future subject to the number of violations.

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