



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 452

File No. 369

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(As Amended)

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

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) On and after January 1,
4 2027, any retailer that sells or offers for sale any helium or other lighter-
5 than-air gas filled balloon in the state to any consumer shall not provide
6 such filled balloon to a consumer unless a nontoxic weight is attached
7 to such filled balloon that is sufficient to prevent such filled balloon from
8 rising into the atmosphere.

9 (b) Any retailer who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this

10 section shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Department of
11 Consumer Protection in the amount of five hundred dollars per
12 violation.

13 (c) For purposes of this section, "retailer" means any firm,
14 partnership, association or corporation that utilizes universal product
15 coding in totaling a retailer customer's purchase. "Retailer" does not
16 include any carnival, as defined in section 29-133 of the general
17 statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 2	October 1, 2026 (New section