



General Assembly

**Amendment**

February Session, 2026

LCO No. 3815



Offered by:  
SEN. LOPES, 6<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 452

File No. 369

Cal. No. 256

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 26-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5 (a) No person, nonprofit organization, firm or corporation, including  
6 the state and its political subdivisions, shall knowingly release, organize  
7 the release of or intentionally cause to be released into the atmosphere  
8 [within a twenty-four-hour period ten or more] any helium or other  
9 lighter-than-air gas filled [balloons] balloon in the state.

10 (b) On and after January 1, 2027, any retailer that sells or offers for  
11 sale any helium or other lighter-than-air gas filled balloon in the state to  
12 any consumer shall not provide such filled balloon to a consumer unless  
13 a weight is attached to such filled balloon that is sufficient to prevent  
14 such filled balloon from rising into the atmosphere.

15      [(b)] (c) Any violation of [subsection (a) of] this section shall be an  
16      infraction."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	26-25c