

Legislation Draft

- 1) The Legislature finds the atmospheric release of any plastic, latex, or mylar balloon inflated with lighter-than-air gas a serious danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to birds and other wildlife.

- 2) It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association to intentionally release, organize the release, or intentionally cause to be released, balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air except for:
 - a) Balloons released by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for scientific or meteorological purposes;

 - b) Hot air balloons recovered after launching;

 - c) Balloons released indoors.

- 3) Any person who violates subsection (2) is guilty of a noncriminal infraction, punishable with a fine of \$250.