



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1154

January Session, 2025



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LIGHTER-THAN-AIR
BALLOONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1,
2 2025, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
3 engage representatives of the helium industry, including, but not
4 limited to, manufacturers and distributors, to develop a schedule for the
5 phase-out of helium utilized to fill lighter-than-air balloons. Such
6 schedule shall provide for an end to such use in the state not later than
7 December 31, 2027. Not later than February 1, 2026, the commissioner
8 shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
9 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment, in
10 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
11 on the nature of such schedule and progress toward reaching such
12 discontinued use. Such report may contain any additional legislative
13 recommendations concerning such lighter-than-air balloons.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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ENV Joint Favorable Subst.