



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 452

February Session, 2026



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

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

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 Section 26-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

8 (b) Any retailer that sells or offers for sale any helium or other lighter-
9 than-air gas balloon in the state to any consumer shall not provide such
10 balloon to a consumer unless a weight is attached to such balloon that is
11 sufficient to prevent such balloon from rising into the atmosphere.

12 [(b)] (c) Any violation of [subsection (a) of] this section shall be an
13 infraction.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	26-25c
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*