

HOUSE No. 770

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Kujawski

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating the release of a certain number of balloons into the environment. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

8th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 795 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGULATING THE RELEASE OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF BALLOONS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT. .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 93 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:—
2 Section 107. (a) No person, firm or corporation shall intentionally release, organize the release or intentionally
3 cause to released within a twenty-four hour period, ten or more balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air,
4 except for: (1) balloons released by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental
5 contract for scientific or meteorological purposes; (2) hot air balloons that are covered after launching; or (3)
6 balloons released indoors.
7 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) shall be liable for a civil penalty of two hundred and
8 fifty dollars.
- 9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July first, two thousand and nine.