

HOUSE No. 770

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July first, two thousand and nine.