

HOUSE No. 843

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to helium balloons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/9/2019</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 843) of Sarah K. Peake and others relative to the sale, distribution and release of balloons. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to helium balloons.

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 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 official edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

3 Section 119. The sale, distribution and release of any type of balloon, including, but not
4 limited to, plastic, latex or mylar, filled with any type of lighter than air gas, both for public or
5 private use, is hereby prohibited. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be
6 punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

7 The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) balloons released by or on behalf of
8 any agency of the commonwealth or the United States for scientific or meteorological purposes,
9 or (ii) hot air balloons that are recovered after launch.