

HOUSE No. 982

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>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>8/25/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/13/2021</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 982) of Sarah K. Peake and others relative to the sale, distribution and release of balloons. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 843 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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.