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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the intentional release of inflated balloons outdoors and provides for a fine for releasing inflated balloons. Further provides for the direction of the fines into the litter abatement account within the Conservation Fund.

Proposed law prohibits the intentional release of balloons inflated with gas that is lighter than air by any person over the age of 16 or entity, except for balloons released for scientific or meteorological purposes, hot air balloons that are recovered after launching, and balloons that are released and remain indoors.

Proposed law creates a civil fine of \$150 for a first violation, \$250 for a second violation, and \$500 for a third or subsequent violation of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the civil fines collected under proposed law be deposited into the litter abatement account within the Conservation Fund.

(Adds R.S. 30:2543)