

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 851

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, COATES, COX, DESHOTEL, DICKERSON,
DOMANGUE, GREEN, MANDIE LANDRY, AND MOORE AND SENATOR
CATHEY

ENVIRONMENT/LITTERING: Provides relative to intentional littering

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2531(A)(4) and to enact R.S. 30:2531(A)(5), relative to
3 littering; to prevent the intentional release of balloons; to provide for exceptions and
4 penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:2531(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7 30:2531(A)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2531. Intentional littering prohibited; criminal penalties; simple littering
9 prohibited; civil penalties; special court costs

10 A. Intentional littering.

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12 (4) Whoever violates the provisions of this Subsection by intentionally
13 releasing a balloon or by organizing an event that includes a planned, intentional
14 release of twelve or more balloons is subject to the penalties provided in
15 Subparagraph (A)(2) of this Subsection.

16 (a) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the following:

17 (i) Persons under the age of seventeen.

18 (ii) The negligent or unintentional release of a balloon.

19 (iii) The release of a balloon indoors.

