

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 581

2025 Regular Session

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ENVIRONMENT: Prohibits releasing inflated balloons outdoors

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds an exception for a balloon with a radio tracking device for educational purposes released by an amateur radio licensee.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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, balloons that are released and remain indoors, and balloons with radio tracking devices released by an amateur radio licensee.

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)