
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MALAGARI, SHUSTERMAN, DONATUCCI, WEBSTER, HOWARD,
KIM, SANCHEZ, RAVENSTAHL, PASHINSKI AND ROZZI, MARCH 13, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 13, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in game or wildlife protection, providing for
3 unlawful release of certain balloons.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2168. Unlawful release of certain balloons.

9 (a) General rule.--It shall be unlawful for any person to
10 knowingly release or cause to be released into the atmosphere,
11 within a one-hour period, 50 or more balloons which are:

12 (1) Made of a nonbiodegradable or nonphotodegradable
13 material or any material which requires more than five
14 minutes' contact with air or water to degrade.

15 (2) Inflated with a substance which is lighter than air.

16 (b) Civil penalty.--Any person who violates this section
17 shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$5 per balloon
18 released above the allowable limit under subsection (a). The

1 civil penalty shall be paid into the Game Fund established under
2 section 521 (relating to establishment and use of Game Fund).

3 (c) Exceptions.--The provisions of this section shall not
4 apply to:

5 (1) balloons released by or on behalf of any agency of
6 the Commonwealth or the United States or under a contract
7 with the Commonwealth, the United States or any other state,
8 territory or government for scientific or meteorological
9 purposes; or

10 (2) hot air balloons that are recovered after launch.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.