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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Paul Kujawski**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating the release of a certain number of balloons into the environment. .

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PETITION OF:

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| Paul Kujawski | 8th Worcester |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 795 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act regulating the release of a certain number of balloons into the environment. .

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

 SECTION 1. Chapter 93 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:—  
   Section 107. (a) No person, firm or corporation shall intentionally release, organize the release or intentionally cause to released within a twenty-four hour period, ten or more balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air, except for: (1) balloons released by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for scientific or meteorological purposes; (2) hot air balloons that are covered after launching; or (3) balloons released indoors.  
(b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) shall be liable for a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars.

   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July first, two thousand and nine.