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**130th Legislature (2020-2022)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1023 / HP0761

Original Title: An Act To Define Intentional Balloon Releases as Litter. New Title: An Act Regarding the Outdoor Release or Abandonment of Balloons. Presented by Representative MCDONALD of Stonington. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Public Hearing 03/29/21. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/02/21. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-137, SB/CA S-232. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 06/27/21, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 374.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1023 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

[LD 1023 / PL 2021, c. 374](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

- Master file available on request—please include citation: cf130-LD-1023.pdf  
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(ENR\) \(03/29/2021\)](#)  
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(ENR\) \(04/14/2021\)](#)
- (Click audio link on committee page. Audio files may cover several bills.)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-0137\) \(LD 1023 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)  
[Amendment SA/CA \(S-0200\) \(LD 1023 2021\)](#)  
[Amendment SB/CA \(S-0232\) \(LD 1023 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, March 10, 2021 \(H-21-105\)](#)  
p. H-32  
[SENATE, March 10, 2021 \(S-81-184\)](#)  
p. S-168  
[HOUSE, May 19, 2021 \(H-259-323\)](#)  
p. H-281 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-137)  
[SENATE, June 02, 2021 \(S-555-626\)](#)  
p. S-590 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) H-137)  
[HOUSE, June 03, 2021 \(H-403-456\)](#)  
p. H-405 (Amendment(s) H-137)  
[SENATE, June 07, 2021 \(S-695-746\)](#)  
p. S-742 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) H-137)

[HOUSE, June 10, 2021 \(H-609-661\)](#)

p. H-640 (Amendment(s) H-137, S-232)

[HOUSE, June 10, 2021 \(H-609-661\)](#)

p. H-661 (Amendment(s) S-232, H-137)

[SENATE, June 10, 2021 \(S-845-914\)](#)

p. S-883 (Amendment(s) H-137, S-232)

[SENATE, June 14, 2021 \(S-915-963\)](#)

p. S-937 (Amendment(s) S-232, H-137)

[SENATE, June 15, 2021 \(S-964-1042\)](#)

p. S-1005 (Amendment(s) H-137, S-232)

### **Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 2021, c. 374](#)

### **News Articles**

Bills target balloon launch events (Leela Stockley) (Bangor Daily News, 4/1/2021, p. B1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD10xx/nc130-LD-1023/BDN 210401I.pdf)

Lawmakers to consider banning release of most balloons in Maine (Steve Collins) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/31/2021, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD10xx/nc130-LD-1023/Sun Journal 210331A.pdf)

Balloon release bill makes it to the Senate (Ethan Genter) (Ellsworth American, 5/27/2021, p. Sec. I, p. 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD10xx/nc130-LD-1023/Ellsworth American 210527B.pdf)

Lawmakers pass bill banning balloon releases (Steve Collins) (Portland Press Herald, 6/23/2021, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD10xx/nc130-LD-1023/PPH 210623C.pdf)

Balloon release bill floats its way through Legislature (Ethan Genter) (Ellsworth American, 6/24/2021, p. Sec. 1 p. 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD10xx/nc130-LD-1023/Ellsworth American 210624D.pdf)

Ways to celebrate without releasing balloons (Sam Schipani) (Bangor Daily News, 8/20/2021, p. C1, C3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD10xx/nc130-LD-1023/BDN 210820K.pdf)

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