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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Large-Scale Balloon Release - Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly releasing or causing to be
4 released in the outdoors a certain number of certain balloons as part of a public
5 or civic event, promotional activity, or product advertisement; establishing a
6 certain penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to the
7 prohibition against a large-scale balloon release.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Criminal Law
10 Section 10-110.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Criminal Law**

16 10-110.1.

17 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY RELEASE OR CAUSE TO BE RELEASED IN
18 THE OUTDOORS 20 OR MORE BALLOONS THAT ARE FILLED WITH A GAS LIGHTER
19 THAN AIR AS PART OF A PUBLIC OR CIVIC EVENT, PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY, OR
20 PRODUCT ADVERTISEMENT.

21 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
22 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2004.