STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the release of certain balloons

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 11-0331 to read as follows:

§ 11-0331. Release of certain balloons prohibited.

1. No person shall knowingly release or intentionally cause to be released outdoors any balloon constructed of electrically conductive material and filled with helium or a gas lighter than air.

2. No person shall knowingly release or intentionally cause to be released outdoors, within a twenty-four hour period, twenty-five or more balloons constructed of non-electrically conductive material and filled with helium or a gas lighter than air.

3. This section shall not apply to:

(a) balloons which are used for the purpose of carrying scientific instrumentation during the performance of an experiment or test or by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for scientific or meteorological purposes; or

(b) manned hot air balloons.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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