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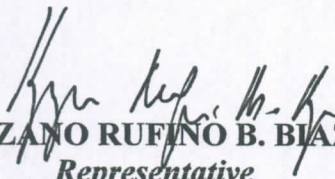
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

We Filipinos are very fond of traditions and celebrations. In almost every occasion, balloons are used as decoration or as giveaways in children's birthday parties. In some areas in the country, it is even customary to release white colored balloons during funerals. Others intentionally release balloons in the air in celebration of a momentous event.

While the releasing of balloons in the air may seem like a harmless act, the damage it does to the environment is massive. Many often do not see the harm done because balloons take time before they pop or burst in the air and fall back to either land or water. Balloons are made of rubber which is not organic and therefore does not rot or decay. This kind of waste contribute largely to the pollution of our environment in general. It is therefore prayed that this practice be stopped permanently so as to save our environment from further damage.

With the premises being considered, immediate passage of this bill is earnest sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROHIBITING THE REALEASE OF BALLOONS IN THE AIR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Balloon-Free Skies Act*”.

**Sec. 2. Prohibited Act.** – It is hereby prohibited to release balloons in the air. For the purposes of this Act, a balloon shall refer to a bag made of thin rubber or other light material inflated with air or with some lighter-than-air gas and used as a children’s toy or as a decoration.

**Sec. 3. Penalty.** – Any person in violation hereof shall be meted a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and at least Twenty-Four (24) hours community service, the nature of which shall be left to the discretion of the court.

**Sec. 4. Repealing Clause.** – All other laws, issuances, orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Sec. 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

*Approved,*