

SB 403-FN – AS INTRODUCED

2014 SESSION

14-2627
03/05

SENATE BILL ***403-FN***

AN ACT prohibiting the sale or possession of sky lanterns.

SPONSORS: Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. D’Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Rep. Borden,
Rock 24; Rep. Sherman, Rock 24; Rep. Harding, Graf 13; Rep. Sykes, Graf 13;
Rep. Stroud, Hills 21

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the sale or possession of sky lanterns.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

SB 403-FN – AS INTRODUCED

14-2627
03/05

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

AN ACT prohibiting the sale or possession of sky lanterns.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Sky Lanterns. Amend RSA 153 by inserting after section 5-c the following new
2 section:

3 153:5-d Retail Sale or Possession of Sky Lanterns Prohibited. The possession or retail sale of
4 sky lanterns is prohibited. As used in this section, “sky lantern” means an unmanned aerial
5 luminaries balloon requiring fire underneath for propulsion. Whoever shall violate the provisions of
6 this section shall be subject to the penalty in RSA 153:24.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

SB 403-FN - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT prohibiting the sale or possession of sky lanterns.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Judicial Branch states this bill, **as introduced**, may increase state expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2015 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state revenue, or county and local revenues or expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Judicial Branch states this bill would prohibit the possession or retail sale of sky lanterns, with the penalty being a violation for a natural person or an unspecified misdemeanor for any other person. The Judicial Branch states it cannot estimate how many additional violation or misdemeanor cases there will be as a result of this bill, but does have the following average costs per case type in the District Division of the Circuit Court, for informational purposes:

Case Type	FY 2015	FY 2016
Average Violation	\$45.46	\$46.45
Average Misdemeanor A	\$66.17	\$67.64
Average Misdemeanor B	\$46.99	\$48.02

The Branch adds that if a case were to be appealed, cost per case could be significantly higher.

The Departments of Safety and Justice, Judicial Council, and New Hampshire Association of Counties state this bill will have no fiscal impact.