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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1258

By: Representative Lundstrum

By: Senator Dees

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OR USE OF
SKY LANTERNS; TO AUTHORIZE CITIES TO ISSUE PERMITS
FOR USE OF SKY LANTERNS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OR
USE OF SKY LANTERNS; AND TO AUTHORIZE
CITIES TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR USE OF SKY
LANTERNS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-22-717 is amended to read as follows:
20-22-717. Sale or use of sky lanterns – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, “sky lantern” means an unmanned free-floating device designed to contain an open flame.

(b) The ~~Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the~~ sale or use of sky lanterns is prohibited.

(c)(1) A city of the first class or a city of the second class may issue an event permit for the use of sky lanterns if the event is open to the public.

(2) The city of the first class or the city of the second class may revoke the permit under subdivision (c)(1) of this section at any time before the event if the fire department of the city of the first class or the city of the second class determines that the use of sky lanterns at the location of the event or on the date of the event, or both, would be



dangerous due to weather or other conditions.

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