COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 955 (2014)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

Representative Pigman offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)
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Between lines 220 and 221, insert:

Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 379.233, Florida

8 Statutes, is amended to read:

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379.233 Release of balloons.-

10 (2) <u>A</u> It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation 11 <u>may not</u> to intentionally release, organize the release, or 12 intentionally cause to be released within a 24-hour period 10 or 13 more balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air 14 except for:

(a) Balloons released by a person on behalf of a
governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for
scientific or meteorological purposes;

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18 19 (b) Hot air balloons that are recovered after launching;(c) Balloons released indoors; or

20 (d) One hundred or fewer balloons released as a part of a 21 funeral, memorial service, or nonprofit faith-based event; or

22 (e) (d) Balloons that are either biodegradable or 23 photodegradable, as determined by rule of the Fish and Wildlife 24 Conservation Commission, and which are closed by a hand-tied 25 knot in the stem of the balloon without string, ribbon, or other attachments. If In the event that any balloons are released 26 27 pursuant to the exemption established in this paragraph, the 28 party responsible for the release shall make available to any 29 law enforcement officer evidence of the biodegradability or 30 photodegradability of the said balloons in the form of a certificate executed by the manufacturer. Failure to provide 31 such said evidence is shall be prima facie evidence of a 32 33 violation of this act.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

37 Remove line 24 and insert:

38 license fee for hunting; amending s. 379.233, F.S.; 39 providing an exception to restrictions on the release 40 of balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than 41 air; amending s. 379.247, F.S.;

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