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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1258

5 By: Representative Lundstrum
6 By: Senator Dees
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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16 USE OF SKY LANTERNS; AND TO AUTHORIZE
17 CITIES TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR USE OF SKY
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-22-717 is amended to read as follows:
24 20-22-717. Sale or use of sky lanterns – Definition.

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

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

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

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



1 dangerous due to weather or other conditions.

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