AN ACT concerning fire safety and prevention; prohibiting the use of unmanned aerial luminaries.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), it shall be unlawful to ignite, fire or otherwise use an unmanned aerial luminary.
(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $2,500.
(c) This section shall not apply to the possession or transportation of unmanned aerial luminaries for commercial purposes or for use outside of this state.
(d) As used in this section, the term "unmanned aerial luminary" means a device constructed of lightweight material which is capable of traveling significant distances through the air when powered by fire or a fuel cell until such fire or fuel cell deteriorates causing such device to fall to the ground at an unknown location. The term "unmanned aerial luminary" includes such devices known as Kongming or Chinese lanterns, sky candles or fire balloons.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.