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H.B. No. 2027

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirements for obtaining a permit authorizing the
3 use of a hail cannon.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 301.001, Agriculture Code, is amended by
6 adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

7 (1-a) "Hail cannon" means a device that generates a
8 shock wave intended to disrupt the formation of hailstones.

9 SECTION 2. Section 301.107, Agriculture Code, is amended by
10 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
11 follows:

12 (a) The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, in
13 accordance with the rules adopted under this chapter and on a
14 finding that the weather modification and control operation as
15 proposed in the permit application will not significantly dissipate
16 the clouds and prevent their natural course of developing rain in
17 the area in which the operation is to be conducted to the material
18 detriment of persons or property in that area, and after approval at
19 an election if governed by Subchapter D, may issue a weather
20 modification permit to each applicant who:

21 (1) holds a valid weather modification license;

22 (2) pays the permit fee;

23 (3) publishes a notice of intention and submits proof
24 of publication as required by this chapter; ~~and~~

1 (4) furnishes proof of financial responsibility; and

2 (5) submits a written resolution as required by
3 Subsection (c), if the applicant is applying for a permit that
4 authorizes the use of a hail cannon.

5 (c) The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation may
6 issue a permit authorizing the use of a hail cannon only on receipt
7 from the applicant of a copy of a written resolution authorizing the
8 use of the hail cannon from the commissioners court of the county in
9 which the applicant intends to use the hail cannon.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.