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H.B. No. 1382

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition on weather modification and control;
creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Title 9, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding
Chapter 303 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 303. WEATHER MODIFICATION AND CONTROL PROHIBITED

Sec. 303.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "weather
modification and control" means the injection, release, or
dispersion, by any means, of a chemical, chemical compound,
substance, or apparatus for the purpose of affecting temperature,
weather, or the intensity of sunlight.

Sec. 303.002. PROHIBITION ON WEATHER MODIFICATION AND
CONTROL. A person may not engage in weather modification and
control.

Sec. 303.003. ENFORCEMENT. (a) A person commits an offense
if the person violates this chapter.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) A person commits a separate offense for each day the
violation occurs.

SECTION 2. Chapters 301 and 302, Agriculture Code, are
repealed.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An

1 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
2 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
3 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
4 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
5 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

6 SECTION 4. (a) An action, including a disciplinary or
7 administrative proceeding, pending under Chapter 301, Agriculture
8 Code, or Chapter 51, Occupations Code, on the effective date of this
9 Act related to a violation of Chapter 301, Agriculture Code, as that
10 chapter existed immediately before the effective date of this Act,
11 is dismissed.

12 (b) An administrative penalty assessed by the Texas
13 Commission of Licensing and Regulation before the effective date of
14 this Act related to a violation of Chapter 301, Agriculture Code, as
15 that chapter existed immediately before the effective date of this
16 Act, may be collected as provided by Chapter 51, Occupations Code.

17 (c) The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall
18 return to a person who holds a valid license or permit issued under
19 Chapter 301, Agriculture Code, as that chapter existed immediately
20 before the effective date of this Act, a prorated portion of the fee
21 paid to the department for the issuance or renewal of the license or
22 permit.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.