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Present law prohibits the discharge of air contaminants into the air of the state and provides for certain exceptions.

Proposed law maintains present law and prohibits the introduction of substances into the atmosphere for the express purpose of modifying weather, temperature, climate, or sunlight. Further provides exceptions for fire fighting, agriculture, and forestry activities at altitudes under one thousand feet above ground level.

Proposed law authorizes the department to use information and surveillance provided by the Louisiana Air National Guard.

Present law provides for issuance of a license to modify weather, for application and license fees, for disposition of the fees, for penalties for modifying weather without a license, and for evaluation of modification operations.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 30:2057(A)(3); repeals R.S. 37:2201-2208)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to the original bill

1. Provides that the prohibition does not apply to fire-fighting or agricultural activities occurring under one thousand feet above ground level.
2. Provides that the Department of Environmental Quality may use information and surveillance provided by the Louisiana Air National Guard.