SENATE BILL NO. 117

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

1   AN ACT

2   To enact R.S. 3:21, relative to the Agricultural Meteorology Program; to create a program

3   within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide relative to the purpose

4   of the program; and to provide for related matters.

5   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6   Section 1. R.S. 3:21 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7   **§21. Agricultural Meteorology Program; creation; legislative findings; purpose**

8   **A. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that federal programs of**

9   **disaster assistance for the agriculture and forestry industries rely on accurate**

10   **and timely meteorological data.**

11   **B. Creation and purpose. There is hereby created the Agricultural**

12   **Meteorology Program, hereinafter referred to as the "program" within the**

13   **department. The purpose of the program is to collect and disseminate weather**

14   **statistics and meteorological data to federal and state agencies, including but**

15   **not limited to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the**

16   **United States Department of Agriculture, and the Louisiana Office of State**

17   **Climatology.**

18   Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

19   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

20   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

21   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

22   effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____