

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 46

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. To prohibit the intentional release, or dispersion of chemicals into the environment of this state with the express purpose of affecting temperature. (8/1/25)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Remove proposed law authority of the LDEQ to use information and surveillance capabilities of the Louisiana Air National Guard.
2. Add process for any person who observes violation activity to report such to the LDEQ.
3. Authorize the LDEQ to adopt rules and establish procedures for reporting of violations, including by electronic means.
4. Require the LDEQ to receive reports for data collection and make information available on department website or Electronic Data Management System.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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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 provides that any person who observes activity violating proposed law may report such to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ.)

Proposed law requires the LDEQ to establish procedures and adopt rules allowing for the intake of reports, including by electronic means. Further requires the department to receive the reports for data collection and make them available on the department's website or the Electronic Document Management System.

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)