

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 46

BY SENATOR FESI

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2057(A)(3) and to repeal Chapter 25 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:2201 through 2208, relative to the intentional release of substances into the atmosphere to affect weather or temperature; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2057(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2057. Prohibitions; exceptions

A. No person shall:

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(3) Intentionally inject, release, apply, or disperse, by any means, a chemical, chemical compound, substance, or apparatus into the atmosphere within the borders of this state for the express purpose of affecting the temperature, weather, climate, or intensity of sunlight. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to the injection, release, or dispersal under one thousand feet above ground level of fire retardant or fire suppressant substances for purposes of extinguishing or suppressing fire, or to the aerial

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application under one thousand feet above ground level of seeds, fertilizers, or
pesticides for agriculture or forestry purposes. The department may utilize
information and surveillance capabilities of the Louisiana Air National Guard
unless otherwise prohibited by law.

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Section 2. Chapter 25 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
comprised of R.S. 37:2201 through 2208, is hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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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

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