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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Garcia)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 33 - 73
and insert:

403.411 Geoengineering and weather modification activities
prohibited; penalty.-

(1) The injection, release, or dispersion, by any means, of
a chemical, a chemical compound, a substance, or an apparatus
into the atmosphere within the borders of this state for the
express purpose of affecting the temperature, weather, climate,



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or intensity of sunlight is prohibited.

(2) Any person, including any public or private corporation, who conducts ~~conducting~~ a geoengineering or weather modification activity in violation of this section commits ~~operation without first having procured a license, or who shall make a false statement in his or her application for license, or who shall fail to file any report or reports as required by this act, or who shall conduct any weather modification operation after revocation or suspension of his or her license, or who shall violate any other provision of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and by a fine not exceeding \$100,000, or s. 775.083;~~ and, if a corporation, the corporation commits shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100,000 as provided in s. 775.083. Each such violation ~~is~~ shall be a separate offense.

(3) All moneys collected pursuant to this section must be deposited in the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund and used only for purposes of air pollution control pursuant to this chapter.

(4) (a) Any person who observes a geoengineering or weather modification activity conducted in violation of this section may report the observed violation to the department online or by telephone, mail, or e-mail.

(b) The department shall establish an e-mail address and an online form for persons to report observed violations pursuant to this subsection. The department shall make the e-mail address and online form publicly accessible on its website.

(c) The department may refer reports of observed violations made pursuant to this subsection to the Department of Health or



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the Division of Emergency Management when appropriate.

(d) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 21

and insert:

An act relating to geoengineering and weather modification activities; repealing ss. 403.281, 403.291, 403.301, 403.311, 403.321, 403.331, 403.341, 403.351, 403.361, 403.371, 403.381, 403.391, and 403.401, F.S., relating to the definitions, purpose, licensing requirements, applications, proof of financial responsibility requirements, license issuance and discipline provisions, publication of notice of intention to operate requirements, required contents of the notice of intention, publication of the notice of intention requirements, proof of publication requirements, record and reports of operations requirements, provision of emergency licenses, and suspension or revocation of licenses, respectively, of the weather modification law; amending s. 403.411, F.S.; prohibiting certain acts intended to affect the temperature, the weather, or the intensity of sunlight within the atmosphere of this state; increasing civil penalties for violations of the geoengineering and weather modification law; requiring that specified moneys be deposited in the



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69 Air Pollution Control Trust Fund and used only for
70 specified purposes; authorizing a person who observes
71 a geoengineering or weather modification activity to
72 report such activity; providing construction;
73 authorizing the department to refer reports of such
74 observations to the Department of Health or Division
75 of Emergency Management; authorizing the department to
76 adopt rules; amending ss. 253.002, 373.026, 373.1501,