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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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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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11 or intensity of sunlight is prohibited.

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

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

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

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

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



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40 the Division of Emergency Management when appropriate.

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

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44 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

45 And the title is amended as follows:

46 Delete lines 2 - 21

47 and insert:

48 An act relating to geoengineering and weather
49 modification activities; repealing ss. 403.281,
50 403.291, 403.301, 403.311, 403.321, 403.331, 403.341,
51 403.351, 403.361, 403.371, 403.381, 403.391, and
52 403.401, F.S., relating to the definitions, purpose,
53 licensing requirements, applications, proof of
54 financial responsibility requirements, license
55 issuance and discipline provisions, publication of
56 notice of intention to operate requirements, required
57 contents of the notice of intention, publication of
58 the notice of intention requirements, proof of
59 publication requirements, record and reports of
60 operations requirements, provision of emergency
61 licenses, and suspension or revocation of licenses,
62 respectively, of the weather modification law;
63 amending s. 403.411, F.S.; prohibiting certain acts
64 intended to affect the temperature, the weather, or
65 the intensity of sunlight within the atmosphere of
66 this state; increasing civil penalties for violations
67 of the geoengineering and weather modification law;
68 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,