

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 860

AN ACT

To amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to weather modification.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 640, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 640.870, to read as follows:

640.870. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Department", the Missouri department of natural resources;

(2) "Weather modification", any activity performed with the intention of producing artificial changes to the composition, behavior, or dynamics of the atmosphere, including, but not limited to:

(a) Dispersing substances into the air that serve as cloud condensation or ice nuclei, which alter the microphysical process within the cloud;

(b) Dropping pollution or biological agents from any form of aircraft designed to alter the earth's atmosphere, manipulate the environment, or cause harm to food supply; or

(c) The use of clouding seeding, meaning directing rainfall to a specific location by a process of injecting, releasing, or dispersing chemicals into the atmosphere.

2. It shall be unlawful to use any form of weather modification in the state.

3. Any individual or entity knowingly deploying any chemical into the atmosphere from ground or air shall

disclose the contents of such chemical or chemicals to the department in a format determined by the department.

4. Any individual or entity deploying any chemical into the atmosphere shall post a bond in an amount of twenty five million dollars to cover damages, if any, to the environment caused by the deployment of such chemical or chemicals.

5. Any individual may report violations of this section to the department. The department shall create procedures to investigate every such report to determine whether weather modification occurred.

6. If the department finds that weather modification occurred, the department shall commence a civil action in the court of competent jurisdiction. If the court finds that a violation occurred, the court may grant damages, injunctive relief, attorney fees, and any such other relief the court finds appropriate.

7. The department shall report any known instance of weather modification to the administrator of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 908.

8. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the use of pesticides on any farming or ranching operation in the state.

9. The department shall promulgate rules to enforce provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective

date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.