

HB 2656 -- GEOENGINEERING AND WEATHER MODIFICATION

SPONSOR: Whaley

This bill creates the "Clean Skies Act", which prohibits any entity from engaging in any form of geoengineering, weather modification, or cloud seeding in the State.

The Department of Natural Resources must create an online form for reporting suspected violations of the prohibition and establish procedures to investigate each report. If the Department finds a violation has occurred, it must immediately issue a cease-and-desist order as specified in the bill. The Department can enlist the assistance of local law enforcement, the State Highway Patrol, or the National Guard to investigate and enforce the provisions.

Any entity found to be in violation is guilty of a felony and must pay a fine of no less than \$100,000 or serve no more than two years of imprisonment, or both.

This bill is similar to HB 2388 (2026).