

## CHAPTER 166

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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## HOUSE BILL 18-1147

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Ginal and Ransom, Esgar, Roberts, Gray, Pettersen, Valdez, Duran;  
also SENATOR(S) Coram, Donovan, Kerr, Moreno.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF PEOPLE WHO MODIFY THE WEATHER,  
AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE SUNSET REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal** (15)(a)(IV); and **add** (34) as follows:

**24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative declaration - repeal.** (15) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, will repeal on September 1, 2018:

~~(IV) The issuance of permits for specific weather modification operations through the executive director of the department of natural resources in accordance with article 20 of title 36, C.R.S.;~~

(34) (a) THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES, FUNCTIONS, OR BOTH, ARE SCHEDULED FOR REPEAL ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2033:

(I) THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR SPECIFIC WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 20 OF TITLE 36.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (34) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2035.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 36-20-127 as follows:

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

**36-20-127. Repeal of article.** This ~~article~~ ARTICLE 20 is repealed, effective September 1, 2018. ~~Prior to such 2033. BEFORE ITS repeal, the function of the issuance of permits for specific weather modifications operations through the director shall be reviewed as provided for in~~ THIS ARTICLE 20 IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH section 24-34-104. ~~C.R.S.~~

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 36-20-118 as follows:

**36-20-118. Operations affecting weather in other states.** ~~Weather control operations may not be carried on in Colorado for the purpose of affecting weather in any other state if that state prohibits such operations to be carried on in that state for the benefit of Colorado or its inhabitants.~~

**SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 26, 2018