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HOUSE BILL 18-1147

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House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Sunset Process - House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee. Sections 1 and 2 of the bill continue the regulation of people who modify the weather until 2033. **Section 3** repeals a provision that

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

prohibits weather modification that benefits another state if the other state prohibits weather modification that benefits Colorado.

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

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

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
6 **declaration - repeal.** (15) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
7 will repeal on September 1, 2018:

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

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

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

17 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (34) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
18 2035.

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

21 **36-20-127. Repeal of article.** This ~~article~~ ARTICLE 20 is repealed,
22 effective September 1, 2018. ~~Prior to such~~ 2033. BEFORE ITS repeal, ~~the~~
23 ~~function of the issuance of permits for specific weather modifications~~
24 ~~operations through the director shall be reviewed as provided for in~~ THIS
25 ARTICLE 20 IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH section

1 24-34-104. C.R.S.

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

4 **36-20-118. Operations affecting weather in other states.**
5 ~~Weather control operations may not be carried on in Colorado for the~~
6 ~~purpose of affecting weather in any other state if that state prohibits such~~
7 ~~operations to be carried on in that state for the benefit of Colorado or its~~
8 ~~inhabitants.~~

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