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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain measures are provided to maintain and improve air quality in this state.

This bill would prohibit the dispersion of compounds or substances into the atmosphere for the purpose of affecting the weather.

This bill would provide a criminal penalty for violations.

This bill would create the Alabama Air Pollution Control Fund to be used for reducing air pollution in this state.

This bill would also require the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to administer this fund and to establish an email address and online form to be used by persons reporting violations.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to air pollution; to prohibit the dispersion of compounds or substances into the atmosphere to affect the weather; to provide criminal penalties for violations; to



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establish the Alabama Air Pollution Control Fund for reducing air pollution; and to require the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to administer this fund and facilitate the reporting of violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) No person may inject, release, or disperse, by any means, a chemical, a chemical compound, a substance, or an apparatus into the atmosphere within or above this state for the purpose of affecting the weather, including temperature, climate, and intensity of sunlight.

(b) A person that violates subsection (a) shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Each violation shall be a separate offense.

(c) (1) All fines collected pursuant to subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Alabama Air Pollution Control Fund that is hereby established in the State Treasury. The fund shall be administered by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for reducing air pollution in this state.

(2) Receipts deposited into the fund shall be disbursed only by warrants of the Comptroller drawn upon the State Treasury on itemized vouchers approved by the director of the department. No funds shall be withdrawn or expended except as budgeted and allotted according to Sections 41-4-80 to 41-4-96, Code of Alabama 1975, inclusive, and Sections 41-19-1 to 41-19-12, Code of Alabama 1975, inclusive, and only in amounts as stipulated in the general appropriations act,



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other appropriation acts, or this section. At the end of each fiscal year, any unencumbered balance shall not revert to the State General Fund under Section 41-4-93, Code of Alabama 1975.

(d) (1) Any person who observes a violation of subsection (a) may submit a report of the violation to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management on the department's website or by telephone, United States mail, or electronic mail.

(2) The department shall establish a publicly available email address and online form to allow the reporting of violations.

(e) The Alabama Department of Environmental Management shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.