

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 3207

By Delegates Canterbury and Cooper

[By Request]

[Introduced March 06, 2025; referred to the
Committee on Energy and Public Works]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §22-5-21, relating to prohibiting the injection, release, or dispersion, by any
3 means, of chemicals, chemical compounds, substances, or apparatus within the borders
4 of this state into the atmosphere with the express purpose of affecting temperature,
5 weather, or the intensity of the sunlight.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL.

**§22-5-21. Prohibiting dispersion of chemicals or apparatus into the atmosphere to
intentionally affect temperature, weather, or the intensity of sunlight.**

1 (a) Legislative findings: The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) It is documented that the federal government or other entities acting on the federal
3 government's behalf or at the federal government's request, or non-government entities may
4 conduct geoengineering experiments by intentionally dispersing chemicals into the atmosphere,
5 and those activities may occur within the state of West Virginia;

6 (2) The risk to human health and environmental welfare from broad scale geoengineering
7 is currently not well understood;

8 (3) The West Virginia Department of Environment Protection is responsible for monitoring
9 air, soil, and water quality, and regulating industrial and agricultural emissions into the air, soil, and
10 water within the state to ensure the safety of the public, while not impeding agriculture or
11 commerce within the state; and

12 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature to protect the public health and welfare of West
13 Virginians while allowing all authorized activities permitted under state law; now, therefore,

14 (b) The intentional injection, release, or dispersion, by any means, of chemicals, chemical
15 compounds, substances, or apparatus within the borders of this state into the atmosphere with the
16 express purpose of affecting temperature, weather, or the intensity of the sunlight is prohibited.

17 (c) This act takes effect within 30 days of passage.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the injection, release, or dispersion, by any means, of chemicals, chemical compounds, substances, or apparatus within the borders of this state into the atmosphere with the express purpose of affecting temperature, weather, or the intensity of the sunlight.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.