

Amendment No. 1 to SB2691

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2691

House Bill No. 2063*

by deleting all language after the caption and substituting:

WHEREAS, it is documented that the federal government or other entities acting on the federal government's behalf or at the federal government's request may conduct geoengineering experiments by intentionally dispersing chemicals into the atmosphere, and those activities may occur within the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the risk to human health and environmental welfare from broad scale geoengineering is currently not well understood; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is responsible for monitoring air, soil, and water quality, and regulating industrial and agricultural emissions into the air, soil, and water within the State of Tennessee to ensure the safety of the public, while not impeding agriculture or commerce within the state; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this General Assembly to protect the public health and welfare of Tennesseans while allowing all authorized activities permitted under state law; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 201, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The intentional 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 is prohibited.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.