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BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2173)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 5, 2026)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the intentional emission of air contaminants  
2 into the atmosphere, and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **708C.1 Weather engineering.**

2 1. The emission, injection, release, or dispersion, by any  
3 means, of a chemical, a chemical compound, a substance, or an  
4 apparatus into the atmosphere within the borders of this state  
5 for the express purpose of affecting the temperature, weather,  
6 climate, or intensity of sunlight, or any other purpose not  
7 presently regulated by state or federal law, is prohibited.

8 2. a. Any person, including any public or private  
9 corporation, who violates this section commits a class "D"  
10 felony. For a corporation in violation of this section, the  
11 officers, directors, or employees of the corporation shall also  
12 be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one hundred thousand  
13 dollars.

14 b. Each day a violation of subsection 1 occurs constitutes a  
15 separate offense.

16 3. This section shall not apply to the aerial application  
17 of a fertilizer, pesticide, herbicide, fungicide, or any other  
18 agricultural input by a licensed aerial applicator or person  
19 acting under the authority of federal or state law, provided  
20 such substance is applied in accordance with all applicable  
21 regulations and is not intended or designed for the express  
22 purpose of affecting the temperature, weather, climate, or  
23 intensity of sunlight.