

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0208

Atmospheric geoengineering prohibition.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Tarver, Brady, Campbell, K,  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to environmental quality; providing  
2 legislative findings; prohibiting atmospheric  
3 geoengineering as specified; requiring testing; providing  
4 penalties; making conforming amendments; specifying  
5 applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) The legislature finds that:

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13 (i) The federal government, its agencies and  
14 other entities acting on behalf of the federal government  
15 have conducted or will conduct geoengineering experiments

1 by intentionally disbursing chemicals and other substances  
2 into the atmosphere. These geoengineering experiments may  
3 be occurring within the state of Wyoming;

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5 (ii) The risks to human health and environmental  
6 safety from broad-scale geoengineering are currently not  
7 well understood;

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9 (iii) The Wyoming department of environmental  
10 quality is responsible for monitoring air, land and water  
11 quality, including regulating emissions into the air, land  
12 and water within Wyoming to ensure the safety of the public  
13 while planning the development, use, reclamation,  
14 preservation and enhancement of the air, land and water  
15 resources of the state;

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17 (iv) It is the intent of the legislature to  
18 protect the public health and welfare of Wyoming residents  
19 while allowing all authorized activities permitted under  
20 state law.

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22 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-11-2201 is created to read:

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## ARTICLE 22

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## GEOENGINEERING

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**35-11-2201. Atmospheric engineering prohibited;**

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**testing required; retaliation prohibited.**

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(a) No person shall intentionally inject, release or

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disperse by any means any chemicals, chemical compounds,

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apparatus or other substances within Wyoming into the

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atmosphere with the express purpose of affecting or

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changing temperature, weather or the intensity of the

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sunlight.

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(b) The department shall test the air quality at

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sites subject to geoengineering or upon receiving a report

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of a potential violation of subsection (a) of this section.

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Testing under this subsection shall, if possible, utilize

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transmission electron microscopy and shall determine total

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metals concentration in precipitation.

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(c) No person or governmental entity shall retaliate

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or otherwise harass, discipline or discriminate against any

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person because the person reported, in good faith, a

1 suspected violation of subsection (a) of this section or  
2 provided information related to an investigation of a  
3 suspected violation of subsection (a) of this section.

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5 **Section 3.** W.S. 35-11-103(a)(xiii) is amended to  
6 read:

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8 **35-11-103. Definitions.**

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10 (a) For the purpose of this act, unless the context  
11 otherwise requires:

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13 (xiii) "This act" means W.S. 35-11-101 through  
14 35-11-403, 35-11-405, 35-11-406, 35-11-408 through  
15 35-11-1106, 35-11-1414 through 35-11-1432, 35-11-1601  
16 through 35-11-1613, 35-11-1701, 35-11-1801 through  
17 35-11-1803, 35-11-2001 through 35-11-2004, ~~and~~ 35-11-2101  
18 and 35-11-2201.

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20 **Section 4.** Nothing in this act shall be construed to  
21 impair or alter any contract or agreement that is publicly  
22 disclosed or subject to public disclosure and that is

1 entered into with the state of Wyoming before the effective  
2 date of this act.

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4       **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon  
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
7 Constitution.

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