

No. 331

AN ACT

HB 1724

Prohibiting certain weather modification activities whenever the county commissioners shall adopt a resolution stating that such action is detrimental to the welfare of the county, and providing penalties.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the county commissioners shall adopt a resolution stating that such action is detrimental to the welfare of the county, no person shall install, construct, erect, operate or maintain any equipment, machinery, airplane or device within the Commonwealth designed to or intended to, eliminate, regulate or interfere with the normal rainfall or precipitation, or engage in rain making, cloud seeding, hail dispersement or hail chasing, or maintain or operate any equipment or devices known as ground based generators used in connection with rain making, cloud seeding, hail dispersement or hail chasing whereby chemical, smoke or vapors are discharged into the atmosphere for the purpose of or which tend to affect the normal precipitation or rainfall.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the district attorney to enforce the provisions of this act.

Section 3. Any person who permits the construction, erection, operation or maintenance of any equipment or device contrary to the provisions of section 1 upon his land shall, prima facie, be guilty of a violation of this act.

Section 4. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or undergo imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or both.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of November, A. D. 1965.

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