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solar radiation management; prohibition; enforcement.

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SENATE BILL 1278

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 49, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 49-119; RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 49, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 49-119, to read:

4 49-119. Solar radiation management; prohibition; enforcement;
5 definition

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A PERSON MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY
7 INJECT, RELEASE OR DISPENSE OR CAUSE THE INJECTION, RELEASE OR
8 DISPENSATION OF ANY MATERIAL WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THIS STATE FOR SOLAR
9 RADIATION MANAGEMENT.

10 B. A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, INCLUDING ANY PUBLIC
11 UNIVERSITY OR ANY PRIVATE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES PUBLIC MONIES, MAY NOT
12 PROVIDE ANY GRANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR RADIATION MANAGEMENT
13 TECHNOLOGIES.

14 C. ANY RESIDENT OF THIS STATE MAY SUBMIT A COMPLAINT TO THE
15 ATTORNEY GENERAL ALLEGING A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION. COMPLAINTS MUST
16 STATE THE FOLLOWING:

17 1. THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE RESIDENT WHO SUBMITS THE
18 COMPLAINT.

19 2. THE DATE OR DATES THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OCCURRED.

20 3. A DESCRIPTION OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION AND THE LOCATION, METHOD
21 AND SUBSTANCES OR COMPOUNDS USED, IF KNOWN.

22 4. ANY APPLICABLE SUPPORTING EVIDENCE OR DOCUMENTATION.

23 D. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL INVESTIGATE ALL CREDIBLE COMPLAINTS
24 SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

25 E. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY INVESTIGATE ANY CONDUCT THAT THE
26 ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS REASONABLE SUSPICION TO BELIEVE VIOLATES THIS
27 SECTION.

28 F. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY FILE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
29 ALLEGING A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION. IF THE COURT FINDS A VIOLATION, THE
30 SUPERIOR COURT SHALL AWARD INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES
31 TO THE PREVAILING PARTY. THE SUPERIOR COURT MAY AWARD OTHER RELIEF AS THE
32 COURT FINDS NECESSARY.

33 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SOLAR RADIATION MANAGEMENT"
34 MEANS THE MODIFICATION OR ATTEMPTED MODIFICATION OF ATMOSPHERIC
35 REFLECTIVITY THAT MODIFIES THE AMOUNT OR INTENSITY OF SUNLIGHT THAT
36 REACHES THE EARTH.