

CS for SB 101

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Thursday, February 18, 1999

3 Committee Substitute for
4 Senate Bill No. 101

5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 101 - By: KERR of the
6 Senate and LANGMACHER of the House.

7 [weather modification - codification -
8
9 effective date]

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1801.1 of Title 82, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
15 Weather Modification Act".

16 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1801.2 of Title 82, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall create within the
20 agency a division to administrate the provisions of the Oklahoma
21 Weather Modification Act. The division shall contract with
22 individuals or entities experienced with cloud seeding operations in
23 order to increase beneficial rainfall when needed and to attempt to
24 suppress hail in order to prevent property and crop damages.

1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1801.3 of Title 82, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. For the purpose of directing the activities of the Oklahoma
5 Weather Modification Program, there is hereby created the Oklahoma
6 Weather Modification Advisory Board. Such Board shall consist of
7 the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the
8 Commissioner of Agriculture, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma
9 Department of Tourism and Recreation, the Insurance Commissioner and
10 one member, appointed by the Governor, who shall be familiar with
11 the insurance industry. Such appointed member shall serve for a
12 term of four (4) years.

13 B. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
14 shall be the Chair of the Oklahoma Weather Modification Advisory
15 Board. Staff and legal assistance for the Board shall be provided
16 by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

17 C. The Oklahoma Weather Modification Advisory Board shall be
18 authorized to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this
19 act.

20 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1801.4 of Title 82, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 Funding to administer the provisions of the Oklahoma Weather
2 Modification Act shall be provided by a levy of 3 mills on the
3 dollar of each casualty, property and multi-peril insurance policy
4 premium sold in this state. Such monies shall be collected by all
5 Oklahoma licensed insurance companies selling casualty, property and
6 multi-peril insurance policies and shall be deposited in a special
7 account, designated as the Oklahoma Weather Modification Program
8 Fund within the State Treasury within ten (10) days of collection.
9 Insurance companies required to collect fees pursuant to this
10 section shall retain two percent (2%) of such monies to cover the
11 cost of collecting and remitting fees to the fund.

12 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES &
14 REGULATORY AFFAIRS, dated 2-11-99 - DO PASS, As Amended and
15 Coauthored.