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**CHAPTER 14.**

AN ACT to create 195.40 of the statutes, relating to reporting operations designed to influence precipitation by artificial means and providing a penalty.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

195.40 of the statutes is created to read:

195.40 REPORTING OPERATIONS TO ARTIFICIALLY INFLUENCE PRECIPITATION. (1) For the purpose of determining the effect of operations designed to influence precipitation of atmospheric moisture by artificial means it is hereby required that all persons engaged in such operations shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(2) Any person who enters into any contract for or engages in any activity designed or intended to affect by artificial means the precipitation of atmospheric moisture in this state shall register each proposed operation with the commission.

(3) The registration shall set forth such data as to time, place and method of each operation as the commission shall reasonably require for the purpose of making a scientific evaluation of each operation and its effect upon the public welfare.

(4) Each registrant shall within 10 days report on the conduct of each operation and shall provide such data as the commission may deem necessary in the public interest.

(5) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall forfeit for each such offense a sum not to exceed \$250 together with the actual costs of all administrative and legal action necessary to collect such forfeiture. Such forfeiture shall be enforced and the proceeds disposed in the manner prescribed in s. 31.24. Any unregistered operation shall be subject to summary abatement as a public nuisance.

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