

CHAPTER 161

Weather Modification Activity Act

[Assented to 7th November, 1973.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

**Interpre-
tation.**

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,
“minister” means that member of the Executive Council charged by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council with the administration of this Act, and includes any person designated in writing by him;
“weather modification activity” means any activity designed or intended to produce, by physical or chemical means, changes in the composition or dynamics of the atmosphere for the purpose of increasing, decreasing, or redistributing precipitation, decreasing or suppressing hail or lightning, or dissipating fog or cloud.

**Weather
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permit.**

2. (1) No person shall commence or carry on weather modification activity within the Province without first obtaining a permit from the minister.

(2) An application for a permit under subsection (1) shall be made to the minister in such form and containing such information as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(3) Where an application for a permit is made under subsection (1), the minister may

- (a) refuse to grant the permit;
- (b) grant the permit in whole or part upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the regulations or by the minister; and
- (c) require the applicant to give security in an amount fixed by the minister and in the form prescribed by the regulations.

Regulations.

3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act according to their intent, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such regulations and orders as are ancillary thereto and not inconsistent therewith, including the fixing of fees and other payments; and every regulation shall be deemed to be part of this Act and has the force of law.

Offences.

4. Every person who contravenes any provision of this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such a fine and such an imprisonment, and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars for each day the offence is continued.