

HB 369 -- PRESCRIBED BURNING ACT (Taylor (48))

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Rural Community
Development

This bill creates the "Prescribed Burning Act", which specifies that any landowner or agent of a landowner will not be liable for damage, injury, or loss caused by a prescribed burn, as defined in the bill, or the resulting smoke of a prescribed burn unless the landowner is proven to be negligent. Additionally, no certified burn manager will be liable if the burn is conducted in accordance with a written prescribed burn plan unless the burn manager is found to be negligent.

The provisions of the bill do not apply to damage, injury, or loss to property, lands, rights-of-way, or easements of certain utilities and railroad companies.

This bill is similar to HB 1547 (2020) and HB 978 (2019).