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# H. R. 983

To bar prosecution under section 844(f)(1) of title 18, United States Code,  
in certain cases.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Mr. WALDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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United States Code, in certain cases.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Resource Management  
5 Practices Protection Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. BAR TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 844(f)(1) OF**  
7 **TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, IN CERTAIN**  
8 **CASES.**

9 Section 844(f)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is  
10 amended—

- 1           (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(f)(1)”; and
- 2           (2) by adding after and below the end the fol-
- 3           lowing:
- 4           “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply if—
- 5                 “(i) the damage or destruction, or attempt to
- 6                 damage or destroy, is by means of a fire that—
- 7                         “(I) is set by a person to property owned
- 8                         by the person—
- 9                                 “(aa) to prevent an imminent threat
- 10                                of damage to that property; or
- 11                                “(bb) as part of any other generally
- 12                                accepted practice for managing vegetation
- 13                                on timber, grazing, or farm land;
- 14                         “(II) does not pose a serious threat of in-
- 15                         jury to any individual or damage to any build-
- 16                         ing, dwelling, or vehicle of the United States;
- 17                         and
- 18                         “(III) does not result in death or serious
- 19                         bodily injury to any individual; and
- 20                 “(ii) an individual who has not attained 16
- 21                 years of age is not used in setting the fire.”.

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