

Amend SB 1710 (House committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Subsection (a), Section 382.018, Health and Safety Code (page 1, line 7), strike "The" and substitute "Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (d), the [The]".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, after added Subsection (c), Section 382.018, Health and Safety Code (page 2, between lines 2 and 3), insert the following:

(d) The commission may not control or prohibit outdoor burning of waste consisting of trees, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings, or other plant growth if:

(1) the person burning the waste is doing so at a site:

(A) designated for consolidated burning of waste generated from specific residential properties;

(B) located in a county with a population of less than 50,000;

(C) located outside of a municipality; and

(D) supervised at the time of the burning by an employee of a fire department who is part of the fire protection personnel, as defined by Section 419.021, Government Code, of the department and is acting in the scope of the person's employment; and

(2) the waste was generated from a property for which the site is designated.

(e) A fire department employee who will supervise a burning under Subsection (d)(1)(D) shall notify the commission of each burning supervised by the employee, and the commission shall provide the employee with information on practical alternatives to burning.