

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 21, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2556** by White, Molly (Relating to the prosecution and punishment of certain outdoor burning violations.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Water Code to amend offenses associated with the outdoor burning of certain materials. The bill would specify that conduct that violates a municipal ordinance and the rules put forth by the bill, would only be permitted to be prosecuted under the municipal ordinance provided that the violation is not a second or subsequent violation and the violation does not involve the burning of certain materials.

**Local Government Impact**

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

**Source Agencies:**

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