

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 17, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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

**IN RE: HB1619** by Shine (Relating to the prosecution and punishment of certain outdoor burning violations.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Water Code relating to offenses associated with the outdoor 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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