

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Wildfires are a dangerous and costly threat throughout Texas. Texas landowners use prescribed burning as an efficient land management tool to reduce vegetative fuels that can cause wildfires. The 76th legislature established a board to certify burn managers to instruct people to properly utilize prescribed burning. Current law requires a certified burn manager to purchase liability insurance of at least \$1 million dollar per occurrence. H.B. 1080 requires a certified burn manager to also have a minimum aggregate limit of at least \$2 million dollars for a liability insurance policy.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 153.082, Natural Resources Code, as follows:

Sec. 153.082. INSURANCE. Provides that the limitation on liability under Section 153.081 does not apply to certain persons unless the certified prescribed burn manager conducting a burn on the land has liability insurance coverage of certain amounts.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

Makes application of this Act prospective.