

HB 223 -- Emergency Drought Conditions

Sponsor: Bruns

This bill creates the crime of setting fire to or burning trash or other material in an area proclaimed by executive order of the Governor to be in extraordinary danger from fire due to emergency drought conditions unless the fire was set as a backfire by a local, state, or federal fire agency or was a prescribed burn conducted by authorized state or federal agencies and contained to state or federally owned lands. The crime will be a class A misdemeanor.