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H. R. 983

To bar prosecution under section 844(f)(1) of title 18, United States Code,
in certain cases.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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United States Code, in certain cases.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Resource Management
5 Practices Protection Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. BAR TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 844(f)(1) OF**
7 **TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, IN CERTAIN**
8 **CASES.**

9 Section 844(f)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
10 amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(f)(1)”; and

2 (2) by adding after and below the end the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply if—

5 “(i) the damage or destruction, or attempt to
6 damage or destroy, is by means of a fire that—

7 “(I) is set by a person to property owned
8 by the person—

9 “(aa) to prevent an imminent threat
10 of damage to that property; or

11 “(bb) as part of any other generally
12 accepted practice for managing vegetation
13 on timber, grazing, or farm land;

14 “(II) does not pose a serious threat of in-
15 jury to any individual or damage to any build-
16 ing, dwelling, or vehicle of the United States;
17 and

18 “(III) does not result in death or serious
19 bodily injury to any individual; and

20 “(ii) an individual who has not attained 16
21 years of age is not used in setting the fire.”.

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