WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §20-3-16

§20-3-16. Prima facie evidence of negligence in certain actions for injury due to fires.

In all criminal and civil actions for any injury occasioned by fire communicated by burning or clearing land, the fact that such fire was so communicated shall be prima facie evidence of negligence on the part of the person or agent or employee or any other person who shall at the time of such injury by fire be in the use and occupation of the land on which the burning was done and of those who shall at such time have care and management of such burning.

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