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No. 44 of 1952.

An Act to amend the Bush Fires Act, 1933-1950.

[Assented to 4th December, 1952.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Bush Fires Act Amendment Act, 1952". Short titles.

(2) The Bush Fires Act, 1933-1950, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Bush Fires Act, 1933-1952".

(3) The Bush Fires Act, 1933-1950, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 5a thereof :— Enactment of s. 5b of principal Act—

5b. (1) It shall not be a contravention of section 4 or section 5 if any person burns any stubble or lights or maintains a fire for the purpose of burning any stubble in or on any irrigation channel situated within any ratable land in an irrigation area or in or on any drainage channel situated within any ratable land in an irrigation area if the following conditions are complied with, namely :— Burning of stubble in irrigation or drainage channels

1. Before the fire is lighted the land immediately adjoining on all sides the whole of the land on which the burning is to take place shall be

cleared of all scrub, stubble, and other inflammable material to a width of at least twelve feet ;

- II. Not less than six hours before the fire is lighted, notice of intention to burn the stubble, stating the date and the probable time at which the fire is to be lighted, shall be given to the clerk of the area in which the land is situated.

(2) In this section "irrigation area" means an irrigation area as defined by section 6 of the Irrigation Act, 1930-1946, and "ratable land" means ratable land as defined by the said section.

Enactment of
s. 8b. of
principal Act—

3. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 8a thereof :—

Burning of
scrub with
fire rake.

8b. In any case where it is necessary to use a fire rake in order to burn any scrub on any land, the occupier of such land may, with the consent of a fire control officer, burn such scrub during any period to which section 8 applies, and in any such case the provisions of paragraphs I. and V. of subsection (1) of section 8 shall not apply to any such burning: Provided that before the fire is lighted there is around the land upon which the fire is to be lighted a space cleared of all inflammable material to a width of two chains.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 11—
Alteration of
burning
periods, etc.

4. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting after the passage "9", in the seventh line thereof the passage "13," ;
- (b) by inserting after the passage "9", in the last line of subsection (3) thereof the passage "13," .

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 13—
Fires in the
open.

5. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting after the word "May" in the fifth line of subsection (1a) thereof the words "or during any other period specified in the resolution" ;
- (b) by striking out the words "said period" in the seventh line of subsection (1a) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "period specified in the resolution" .

6. The following section is amended and inserted in the principal Act after section 17 thereof :—

Enactment of s. 17a of principal Act—

17a. Any person who during the period between the thirty-first day of October and the first day of the following May, has the possession of any caravan which is used for the purposes of habitation at any place situated outside a municipality and upon which caravan there is not carried an efficient chemical fire extinguisher, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Duty to provide fire extinguisher with caravan.

7. Section 29 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words " trailer pump " in subsection (6b) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " fire fighting appliance ".

Amendment of principal Act, s. 29—

Insurance of crews of fire fighting appliances.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

J. M. NAPIER, Lieutenant-Governor.