

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1955



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 295

(By Mr. McCoy, of Pendleton)



PASSED February 24, 1955

In Effect 90 days from Passage



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article nine, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the recovery of expenses incurred in extinguishing fires from persons causing them.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section eight, article nine, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 8. Recovery of Expenses Incurred in Extinguish-
ing Fires from Persons Causing Them.—The commission
shall, in the name of the state, recover from the person or
persons, firm or corporation negligently giving origin to
any forest fire which occurs at any time and which has

6 been extinguished or suppressed by its efforts, the amount
13 of the owner.

7 so expended by the state in extinguishing such fire and
8 the cost thereof, and the same shall not bar the rights of
9 damages between the parties thereto. Any forest fire,
10 the origin of which may be occasioned by a trespasser or
11 by a person who is upon the property without the consent
12 of the owner, shall not be construed to be the negligence

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Earl F. Felt
Chairman Senate Committee

W. J. Brotherton Jr.
Chairman House Committee

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Takes effect *90 days from* passage.

Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Ralph Reese
President of the Senate

Carl Johnson
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *1*
day of *March*, 1955.

William C. Marland
Governor



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