WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1955

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HOUSE BILL No. 297

(By Mr. Mc Coy, of Pendleton)

PASSED February 23, 1955
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of West Virginia.

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House Bill No. 297

(By Mr. McCoy, of Pendleton)

[Passed February 23, 1955; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirteen, article nine, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the residence of owner being sufficient protection in certain cases involving forest fires.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section thirteen, 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 13. Residence of Owner Sufficient Protection in

- 2 Certain Cases.—Actual bona fide residence, by the owner
- 3 or lessor of three hundred and sixty acres or less shall
- 4 be deemed to constitute reasonable and adequate protec-
- 5 tion for such tract, but such residence shall not relieve the
- 6 owner, his agents or employees, from responsibility for

- 7 the control and suppression of fires occurring on such
- 8 tract, or entitle such owner to compensation from the
- 9 county for the time spent by him, his agents or employees
- 10 in controlling or suppressing any fire that threatens or
- 11 occurs thereon.

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

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

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Speaker House of Delegates
The within approved this the
day of March 1955. William C Merland
Governor

of West Virginia

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