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HOUSE BILL No. 297

(By Mr. McCoy, of Pendleton)

PASSED February 23, 1955

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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 Certain Cases.—Actual bona fide residence, by the owner or lessor of three hundred and sixty acres or less shall be deemed to constitute reasonable and adequate protection for such tract, but such residence shall not relieve the owner, his agents or employees, from responsibility for
the control and suppression of fires occurring on such tract, or entitle such owner to compensation from the county for the time spent by him, his agents or employees in controlling or suppressing any fire that threatens or occurs thereon.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signatures]
Chairman Senate Committee
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

[Signatures]
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the

day of March, 1955.

Governor

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