

No. 11—1942.

*Agricultural Fires (Amendment).*

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Agricultural Fires Ordinance, Ch. 23. No. 7.

[21st May, 1942.]

Commencement.

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Agricultural Fires (Amendment) Ordinance, 1942.

Section 18 of  
Ch. 23. No. 7.  
repealed and  
replaced.

2. Section 18 of the Agricultural Fires Ordinance is hereby repealed and replaced by the following section—

Definition.

18. (1) In this section "authorised person" means the Warden for the County or Ward in which any land referred to in subsection (2) hereof is situate, any of his Ward Officers, any Fire Patrolman appointed by him, any constable, the Conservator of Forests, any Assistant Conservator of Forests, any Forest Supervisor, any District Engineer, Assistant District Engineer or Chief Road Overseer of the Public Works Department, or any member of a Fire Vigilance Committee within the County for which he is appointed.

Power to  
enter land and  
extinguish  
fire.

(2) Where a fire has broken out on any land, any authorised person may, if he think fit, enter upon any land where such fire may be, and upon any land to which there may be reasonable cause to apprehend that such fire may spread, and do all such matters and things which he shall reasonably deem to be necessary for the purpose of extinguishing such fire or preventing the growth and spreading thereof.

Persons  
present may  
be called upon  
to assist.

(3) Such authorised person may also, if necessary, call upon and require every male person who is at the time within a reasonable distance of any such fire to aid and assist in the extinction of such fire; and any such male person who, after being so called upon and required, shall refuse or fail to aid or assist as he may be directed by such authorised person as aforesaid shall be liable to a fine of twenty-four dollars, unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that at the time of such fire he was under the age of fourteen years or over the age of sixty years, or was prevented by bodily sickness or infirmity from so aiding and assisting.

(4) The fact that any such authorised person has called upon and required any male person to aid and assist in the extinction of any such fire shall be conclusive for all purposes that the male person so called upon and required was at such time as aforesaid within a reasonable distance of the fire.