

No action for trespass shall lie against a forest warden or anyone working under his direction, for entering lands of individuals or corporations for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, plowing furrows, or tearing down fences, or starting a back fire to check a fire that may be approaching.

1906, ch. 294. 1910, ch. 161 (p. 397).

7. The expenses incurred in fighting or extinguishing any fire under the direction of the state forester, or a forest warden shall be borne half by the county in which the fire occurred and half by the State, and shall be payable in full by the county commissioners of such county upon the receipt of an itemized account, with vouchers approved by the state forester; the half to be paid by the State shall be reimbursed to the county by the state treasurer out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated upon presentation of the accounts, with vouchers approved by the state forester, together with evidence that the county commissioners have paid the sum in full. Nothing in this article shall be so construed as to relieve the owner or lessee of lands upon which fires may burn or be started from the duty of extinguishing such fires so far as may lie within his power. No such owner or lessee, nor any person in the employ of such owner or lessee, shall receive any compensation from the State or from the county for fighting fires upon the lands of such owner or lessee.

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8. The boards of county commissioners of the several counties of this State are hereby authorized to levy and appropriate money for purposes of forest protection, improvement, management and purchase.

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9. The state forester shall furnish notices, printed in large letters upon cloth, calling attention to the dangers of forest fires, and to forest fire and trespass laws and their penalties; such notices shall be distributed by the state forester to forest wardens and posted by them in conspicuous places upon the State forest reserves and along the highways in forest-covered country. It shall be unlawful for any person to tear down or deface any forest fire warning notice. Any violation of the law shall be punishable by a fine of ten dollars for each and every offense. It shall be the duty of any person who discovers a forest or brush fire not under the control or supervision of some person, to extinguish it or to report it immediately to the local forest warden, and failure to do so shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed ten dollars, to be recovered upon complaint of the forest warden.

1906, ch. 294.

10. Every individual or corporation that carelessly, negligently, or wilfully, maliciously, or with intent, sets on fire, or causes or procures