

BUSH FIRES.

No. 67 of 1970.

AN ACT to amend sections twenty-five, twenty-five B, thirty-eight and sixty-seven of the Bush Fires Act, 1954-1969.

[Assented to 17th November, 1970.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title
and citation.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Bush Fires Act Amendment Act, 1970.*

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the Re-
printed Acts,
approved for
reprint 3rd
July, 1961
and amended
by Acts Nos.
11 of 1963,
23 of 1964,
15 of 1965
and 101 of
1969.

(2) In this Act the Bush Fires Act, 1954-1969 is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Bush Fires Act, 1954-1970.

2. Subsection (1) of section 25 of the principal Act is amended by adding after the word "place" being the last word in subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (c), the words "and to a bush fire control officer of the local authority for the district in which the fire is to be lit".

Amendment to s. 25.
(No fire to be lit in open air unless certain precautions taken.)

3. Subsection (1) of section 25B of the principal Act is amended by adding before the word "suspend", in line three, the passage "in respect of land specified in the notice,".

Amendment to s. 25B.
(Power of Minister to suspend provisions of section twenty-five of this Act.)

4. Subsection (6) of section 38 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) paragraphs as follows—

Amendment to s. 38.
(Local authority may appoint bush fire control officer.)

(b) If it appears to the Board that the standard of efficiency of a local authority in fire prevention and control justifies the Board doing so, the Board, by notice published in the *Government Gazette*—

(i) may approve the local authority as one to which this subsection applies and may stipulate the number of senior bush fire control officers who may be appointed to the office of fire weather officer; and

(ii) may from time to time cancel or vary any previous approval given under this paragraph.

(c) An approved local authority may appoint to the office of fire weather officer the number of senior bush fire control officers that the Board has stipulated in the notice referred to in paragraph (b) of this subsection including any variation of the notice under subparagraph (ii) of that paragraph and may appoint a person to act as deputy to each person so appointed in that office whilst it is vacant or whilst the occupant is absent or unable to act

in the discharge of the duties of the office, but where more than one senior bush fire control officer is appointed to the office of fire weather officer, the local authority shall define a part of its district in which each fire weather officer shall have the exclusive right to exercise the power conferred by paragraph (h) of this subsection.

(d) The local authority shall give notice of an appointment made under paragraph (c) of this subsection to the Board and cause notice of the appointment to be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in its district and the Board shall cause notice of the appointment to be published once in the *Government Gazette*. .

Amendment
to s. 67.
(Advisory
committees.

5. Subsection (2) of section 67 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the passage "consist of not more than twelve nor less than six members, and shall", in lines two and three.
