No. 33 of 1946.

An Act to amend the Bush Fires Act, 1933-1945.

[Assented to 19th December, 1946.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Bush Fires Act Amendment Act, 1946".

   (2) The Bush Fires Act, 1933-1945, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Bush Fires Act, 1933-1946".

   (3) The Bush Fires Act, 1933-1945, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. Section 15b of the principal Act (as enacted by section 8 of the Bush Fires Act Amendment Act, 1945) is amended by striking out the words "thirtieth day of November" in subsection (1) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "thirty-first day of October".

3. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

   (4) If any crop is reaped or cut on any land, and if any vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine is, for the purpose of removing the crop, driven on the said land through or near any stubble or other inflammable material on the said land and so that the stubble or inflammable material is in contact with the vehicle, the person driving the vehicle shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty of not less than two pounds nor more than twenty pounds unless the internal combustion engine is fitted with an effective spark arrester or muffler.
4. (1) Section 29 of the principal Act is amended by inserting therein after subsection (1) thereof the following subsection:—

(1a) A council, the area of which abuts on the district of a local governing authority situated in another State, may appoint as fire control officers for the area of the council any persons who hold a corresponding office under such local governing authority. A fire control officer shall not be appointed as aforesaid unless the council has made reciprocal arrangements with such local governing authority for the appointment of fire control officers of the council by such local government authority as corresponding officers of such authority.

The council shall not appoint as aforesaid more than fifteen fire control officers and the power to appoint such officers shall be in addition to any other powers to appoint fire control officers given by this Act.

(2) Subsection (6b) of section 29 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after the passage “subsection (4)” in the fourth line thereof the words “or if any person is appointed by a council as a member of the crew of any trailer-pump which is the property of or under the control of the council”;

(b) by striking out the words “the fire control officer” in the fifth and sixth lines thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “such person”;

(c) by inserting after the word “officer” in the seventh line thereof the words “or as member of a crew as aforesaid”;

(d) by inserting after the word “officer” in the twenty-first line thereof the words “or, as the case may be, member of a crew as aforesaid”.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor.