

upon each or any of the separate and distinct properties so charged together, according to the tax rate and assessed valuation thereof, and payment and satisfaction of any one portion may be made without prejudice to the claim against the remainder.

Section 5. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. Repeal.

APPROVED—The 4th day of May, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 381

AN ACT

To amend section one thousand and five, article ten, of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and ninety-seven), entitled "An act to establish a Bureau of Forest Protection within the Department of Forestry; designating the officers who shall constitute the bureau, their duties and salaries; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that may be inconsistent with or supplied by this act," as amended, by providing further penal provisions for setting fire, maliciously or otherwise, to any woodlot, forest or wild land; by defining the terms "person," "woodlot," "forest," or "wild land," and "set," as used in said section.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one thousand and five of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and ninety-seven), entitled "An act to establish a Bureau of Forest Protection within the Department of Forestry; designating the officers who shall constitute the bureau, their duties, and salaries; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that may be inconsistent with or supplied by this act," as amended by the act, approved the seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and forty-one), entitled "An act to amend section one thousand and five, Article X, of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and ninety-seven), entitled 'An act to establish a Bureau of Forest Protection within the Department of Forestry; designating the officers who shall constitute the bureau, their duties, and salaries; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; and repealing all laws inconsistent with or supplied by this act,' by providing further penal provisions for setting fire, maliciously or otherwise, to any woodlot, forest, or wild land," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1005.—Penalty for Causing Fire On or Within Woodlots, Forests, or Wild Lands.—(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to set fire to, or [to employ an agent] to cause to be set on fire, either accidentally or otherwise,

Department of  
Forestry.

Bureau of Forest  
Protection.

Section 1005 of act  
of June 3, 1915 (P.  
L. 797), as amended  
by act of May 7,  
1923 (P. L. 141),  
further amended.

Causing fires.

directly or indirectly, in person or by [said] agent, any woodlot, forest, or wild land, or property, material, or vegetation being or growing thereon, without permission of the owner, either by dropping lighted matches, tobacco, or other substances, or in any other manner whatsoever; or to start fires anywhere and permit them to spread to woodlots, forest, or wild land, thereby causing damage to or destruction of such property, as aforesaid.

It shall be unlawful to use fire for the purpose of smoking out birds, bees, animals, or any other creature, from hollow trees, logs, or subterranean holes or caverns, when by so doing the fire may or does spread to adjoining or neighboring woodlots, forest, or wild lands.

Misdemeanor.

Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined for each offense not exceeding five hundred dollars, or undergo imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Penalty.

Felony.

(b) If any person shall maliciously set fire to, or cause to be set on fire, directly or indirectly, in person or by agent any woodlot, forest, or wild land, or property, material, or vegetation, being or growing thereon, such person shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and be imprisoned in a penitentiary for a period not exceeding ten years.

Penalty.

When act shall not apply.

(c) This section shall not apply to the setting of a back fire, in good faith, to extinguish a fire then burning.

"Person" defined.

(d) *The term "person," as used in paragraph (a) of this section, shall include individuals, associations, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint-stock companies, or corporations, and their officers, agents, or employes.*

"Woodlot," "forest," and "wild land" defined.

(e) *The terms "woodlot," "forest," or "wild land," in this section, are intended to include woods, farmers' woodlots, marshes, brush barrens, brush lands, and wild, unseated, uncultivated land.*

"Set" defined.

(f) *The term "set" shall cover all manner of ways in which woodlot, forest, or wild land fires may be started, either by direct act, or by an appliance, or by indirection.*

APPROVED—The 4th day of May, A. D. 1927.

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No. 382

AN ACT

Requiring counties, cities, boroughs, towns, townships, school districts, and poor districts, when fixing rates of taxation in mills, to express such rates also in dollars and cents.

Taxation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter, whenever the county commissioners of any county, the council of