

CHAPTER 322—H. F. No. 632

An act relating to fighting forest fires and authority of agents of the State and fire fighters to go upon and use property of others in fighting said fires; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 88.10

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 88.10, is amended to read:

88.10 Fighting forest fires. Under the direction of the director, the *forest rangers* are charged with preventing and extinguishing forest fires in their respective districts and the performance of such other duties as may be required by him. They may arrest without warrant any person found violating any provisions of sections 88.03 to 88.21, take him before a magistrate, and there make complaint. When the *forest rangers* shall have information that such violation has been committed they shall without delay make similar complaint and have the same prosecuted. The *forest rangers* and other forest officers shall not be liable in civil action for trespass committed in the discharge of their duties. All *authorized state forest officers, including rangers, guards, township fire wardens, smoke chasers, fire foremen or individuals legally employed as fire fighters, may in the performance of their duties of fire fighting go onto the property of any person, company, or corporation and in so doing may set backfires, dig or plow trenches, cut timber for clearing fire lines, dig water holes, remove fence wires to provide access to the fire or carry on all other customary activities necessary for the fighting of forest, prairie or brush fires without incurring a liability to anyone, except for damages arising out of wilful or gross negligence.*

Any *forest ranger or forest guard* may serve any warrant for the arrest of any person violating any provision of sections 88.03 to 88.21 and for that purpose all *forest rangers and forest guards* are hereby vested with the same powers as constables or other similar officers of the courts issuing such warrants.

Approved April 6, 1957.

CHAPTER 323—H. F. No. 791

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An act relating to the distribution of indecent literature and imposing a penalty.