

[CONFIDENTIAL.]
(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1926.

A BILL

To enlarge the powers of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales and the Chief Officer of that Board ; to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909 ; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the " Fire Brigades Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1926," and shall be read and construed with the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, which in this Act is referred to as the Principal Act.

Fire Brigades (Amendment).

(2) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1926.

2. (1) The Principal Act is amended—

Amendment
of Act No. 9,
1909.

(a) By inserting in section twenty-one next after paragraph (k) the following new paragraphs :— Sec. 21.

(By laws.)

- (k1) prescribing for various classes of buildings the means to be provided to enable occupants thereof to escape from the building in case of fire, and for the inspection and maintenance of such means of escape ;
- (k2) prescribing for any building used for a purpose which in the opinion of the board is of a hazardous nature or for any building the construction or use of which is, in the opinion of the board, likely to allow the rapid spread of fire, the installation of fire alarms, sprinklers, and other devices or appliances approved by the board designed to prevent or retard the spread of fire, and for the inspection and maintenance of such alarms, sprinklers, appliances, and devices ;
- (k3) prohibiting or regulating the storage of inflammable matters on the roof, in the basement, or in any other part of a building ;
- (k4) prohibiting or regulating the storage of inflammable matter in light areas or in close proximity to any building in any municipality ;
- (k5) regulating the deposit of inflammable matter in yards or on vacant blocks of land in any municipality named in Part I of Schedule One ;
- (k6) regulating the burning off of waste inflammable matter in any municipality named in Part I of Schedule One ;
- (k7) regulating the disposal of hot ashes and providing for proper receptacles for holding the same ;

(b)

Fire Brigades (Amendment).

(b) by inserting at the end of paragraph one of the same section the following words "or in the case of a continuing breach a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds per day while the breach continues."

3. The Principal Act is further amended—

Further amendment of Act No. 9, 1909.

(a) By inserting at the end of paragraph (d) of section twenty-nine the following words: "and the expense of such pulling down or shoring up, as the case may be, shall be borne by the owner of the wall or building and shall be paid by him to the board";

(b) by inserting in the same section next after paragraph (d) the following new paragraph:—

(d1) may cause to be shut off or disconnected the supply of gas, electricity, or other illuminant to any premises which may be on fire, or to any premises adjacent thereto.

No person supplying gas or electricity or other illuminant to any premises shall be liable for any damages by reason of any interruption of the supply thereof occasioned by the exercise of this power.

Every person supplying gas or electricity or other illuminant to any premises on fire shall forthwith send some competent person to shut off or disconnect the supply thereof to such premises or to any premises adjacent thereto as and if directed so to do in exercise of the foregoing power;

(c) by inserting in paragraph (iv) of section forty-two after the word "fourteen" wherever it occurs the word "sitting."

