
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, SEPTEMBER 18, 1973

AN ACT

1 Providing for cooperation with other states, groups of states
2 and the Federal Government to provide and accept assistance
3 in the protection of forests from fire; conferring powers and
4 imposing duties upon the Department of Environmental
5 Resources.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The preservation of the part of the earth's
9 surface occupied by this Commonwealth is of vital concern to the
10 people of Pennsylvania. Similar concerns are held by the
11 citizens of other states.

12 The quality of the environment of each is directly dependent
13 upon the maintenance of the quality of the environment of the
14 others. In furtherance of its cooperation with other states and
15 the Federal Government in this respect it is hereby declared to
16 be the policy of this Commonwealth, under certain circumstances,
17 to aid other states, groups of states and Federal agencies and
18 to accept aid therefrom in the protection of forests from the
19 ravages of fire.

1 Section 2. The Department of Environmental Resources may
2 upon request of any other state or the United States, forward to
3 or receive therefrom, for use under the supervision of such
4 department, except as otherwise provided herein, such of its
5 employees and equipment as it deems necessary to assist in the
6 protection of forests from the ravages of fire.

7 Section 3. Employees of the Department of Environmental
8 Resources, during their detail to another state or Federal
9 agency to fight forest fires, shall be considered, for all
10 purposes, to be working in the Commonwealth for that department.
11 The supervision of their duties during such detail may, however,
12 be governed by agreement between the department and the state,
13 group of states, or Federal agency to which they are detailed.

14 Section 4. The Department of Environmental Resources may, in
15 accordance with the travel regulations of such agency, pay the
16 travel expenses of the employees detailed to another state or
17 Federal agency, but shall not pay travel or living expenses of
18 such employees incurred in connection with their work
19 assignments in the receiving state or area of Federal
20 responsibility. The department may request reimbursement from
21 any state, groups of states or Federal agency requesting
22 assistance for any loss or damage or expense incurred in the
23 operations of any equipment, and for the cost of all materials,
24 transportation wages, salaries and maintenance of employees and
25 equipment incurred in connection with such a request.

26 Section 5. The Department of Environmental Resources shall,
27 in accordance with its regulations, pay those travel and other
28 expenses of employees or equipment of other states or Federal
29 agencies detailed to assist it in forest fire protection in
30 Pennsylvania incurred in the performance of their work

1 assignments while in this Commonwealth provided such payment is
2 requested by the assisting states, groups of states or Federal
3 agency.