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A Law to prevent bush burning in Bauchi State.

[BA.S. 25 of 1984.]

[Commencement: 10th December, 1984]

1. Short title

This Law may be cited as the Bush Burning (Prevention) Law.

2. Interpretation

In this Law—

“bush” means shrubs, grass and other vegetation growing on any land; and

“forestry officer” has the meaning assigned to that expression by the Forestry Law.

[Cap. 53.]

3. No person shall set fire to bush

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) below, no person shall set fire to any bush.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) above shall not apply to—

(a) bush on land which any person intends to farm; or

- (b) bush burnt for environmental sanitation.

4. Duty to prevent spread of fire

It shall be the duty of a person who—

- (a) lawfully or unlawfully sets fire to a bush; or
(b) does any other act which causes a bush to be set on fire;

to prevent the fire from spreading so as to destroy or damage other person's property.

5. Penalty

Any person who contravenes a provision of this Law shall, notwithstanding any civil action to which he may be liable in respect thereof, be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for five years without the option of a fine.

6. Power of arrest

Without prejudice to the power of arrest given by law to a police officer and any other person, it shall be lawful for a forestry officer to arrest without a warrant any person he reasonably suspects of having committed an offence against this Law, if such person refuses to give his name and address or gives a name or address which is believed to be false, or if there is reason to believe that he will abscond.

7. Revocation of N.A.L.N. 43, 75 and 106 of 1965, 11 and 105 of 1966 and Orders made under section 44 (3) of N.N.L. 1963 Cap. 77

The Local Authority Orders set out in the Schedule to this Law and all other Orders made under section 44 (3) of the Local Authority Law are hereby revoked.

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[Section 7]

Katagum Local Authority (Burning of Bush) Order, 1965.
Jama'are Local Authority (Burning of Bush) Order, 1965.
Misau Local Authority (Burning of Bush) Order, 1965.
Bauchi Local Authority (Burning of Bush) Order, 1966.
Ningi Local Authority (Burning of Bush) Order, 1966.
