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### CHAPTER 218

AN ACT to renumber and amend 26.12 (5); to amend 26.12 (1); and to create 26.12 (5) (b) of the statutes, relating to forest protection districts.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 26.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

26.12 (1) Whenever it shall appear to the commission from investigation, hearing or otherwise that areas in the state are in need of \* \* \* protection from forest fires, the commission shall be authorized to designate and establish \* \* \* *an intensive or an extensive* forest protection district on such areas. The limits of each such forest protection district shall be defined, and public notice of its establishment shall be published in the local press of the region affected for 3 successive times, and given such other publicity as the commission deems necessary.

SECTION 2. 26.12 (5) of the statutes is renumbered to be 26.12 (5) (a) and amended to read:

26.12 (5) (a) No person shall set any fire except for warming the person or cooking food within the limits of any *intensive* forest protection district at any time of the year except when the ground is snow-covered, unless written permission has been received beforehand from a duly appointed fire warden. The commission shall prepare the necessary blanks for this purpose, shall prescribe rules for the issuance of such permits, shall appoint, if necessary, in addition to the regular or emergency fire wardens, others who

shall be authorized to issue such permits, and shall have jurisdiction over all other details concerned with or growing out of the closed season on the setting of fire.

SECTION 3. 26.12 (5) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

26.12 (5) (b) During any time of the year when so ordered by the commission, no person shall set any fire except for warming the person or cooking food within the limits of any extensive forest protection district unless written permission has been received beforehand from a duly appointed fire warden. The commission shall prepare the necessary blanks for this purpose, shall prescribe rules for the issuance of such permits, shall appoint, if necessary, in addition to the regular or emergency fire wardens, others who shall be authorized to issue such permits, and shall have jurisdiction over all other details concerned with or growing out of the closed season on the setting of fire.

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