Metropolitan Fire Brigade Act 1865

1865 CHAPTER 90 28 and 29 Vict

An Act for the Establishment of a Fire Brigade within**[**[F1] Greater London other than the outer London boroughs**]** [5th July 1865]

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Preamble omitted under authority of Statute Law Revision Act 1893 (c. 14)

C2 By Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 37, **Sch. 11 para. 2(4)** it is provided that in this Act references to the Metropolitan Board of Works (which, by virtue of section 48(3) of the London Government Act 1963, were to be construed as references to the Greater London Council) should be construed as references to the London Fire and Civil Defence Authority (in ss. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 24, 29, 31 as printed for Statutes in Force the words Greater London Council were printed in the place of the words "Metropolitan Board of Works"and "Board")

Preliminary

[[F2]**1 Short title.**

This Act may be cited for all purposes as the "Metropolitan Fire Brigade Act 1865."**]**

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 1 repealed by Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41), **Sch. 6**

2—12. . . . . . [F3]

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 2–12, 18–23, 25–28, 30, 32–35 repealed by Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41), **Sch. 6**

Expenses

13 Contributions by insurance offices.

Every insurance company that insures from fire any property in **[**[F4]Greater London other than the outer London boroughs**]** shall pay annually to the **[**[F4]Greater London Council**]** by way of contribution toward the expenses of carrying this Act into effect, a sum after the rate of thirty-five pounds in the one million pounds on the gross amounts insured by it, except by way of reassurance, in respect of property in **[**[F4]Greater London other than the outer London boroughs**]** for a year, and at a like rate for any fractional part of a million, and for any fractional part of a year as well as for any number of years for which the insurance may be made, renewed, or continued.

The said payments by insurance companies shall be made quarterly in advance, on the first of January, first of April, first of July, and first of October in every year; . . . [F5]

Textual Amendments

F4 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

F5 Words repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1875 (c. 66)

14 Mode of enforcing contributions.

All contributions due from an insurance company to the **[**[F6]Greater London Council**]** in pursuance of this Act shall be deemed to be specialty debts due from the company to the **[**[F6]Greater London Council**]**, and be recovered accordingly.

Textual Amendments

F6 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

15 Mode of ascertaining proportions of contribution.

For the purpose of ascertaining the amount to be contributed by every such insurance company as aforesaid, every insurance company insuring property from fire in **[**[F7]Greater London other than the Outer London boroughs**]** shall, . . . [F8] on every . . . [F8] first of June, or on such other days as the **[**[F7]Greater London Council**]** may appoint, make a return to the said **[**[F7]Council**]**, in such form as they may require, of the gross amount insured by it in respect of property in **[**[F7]Greater London other than the Outer London boroughs**]**.

There shall be annexed to the return so made a declaration made by the secretary or other officer performing the duties of secretary of the company, by whom it is made, stating that he has examined the return with the books of the company, and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief it contains a true and faithful account of

the gross amount of the sums insured by the company to which he belongs in respect of property in **[**[F7]Greater London other than the Outer London boroughs**]**.

The return made in the June of one year shall not come into effect till the first of January of the succeeding year, and shall be the basis of the contributions for that year.

Textual Amendments

F7 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

F8 Words repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1875 (c. 66)

16 Penalty on insurance company not making return.

If any insurance company makes default in making such returns to the **[**[F9]Greater London Council**]** as are required by this Act, it shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which it is so in default.

Textual Amendments

F9 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

17 Examination of books of insurance companies.

The secretary or other officer having the custody of the books and papers of any insurance company that is required to pay a contribution to the **[**[F10]Greater London Council**]** in pursuance of this Act shall allow any officer appointed by the **[**[F10]Greater London Council**]** to inspect, during the hours of business, any books and papers that will enable him to ascertain the amount of property insured by such company in **[**[F10]Greater London other than the Outer London boroughs**]**, and the amount for which it is insured, and to make extracts from such books or papers; and any secretary or other such officer as aforesaid of a company failing to comply with the requisitions of this section in respect of such inspections and extracts shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding **[**[F11]level 1 on the standard scale**]** for each offence.

Textual Amendments

F10 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

F11 Words substituted by virtue of Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **s. 46**

18—23. . . . . [F12]

Textual Amendments

F12 Ss. 2–12, 18–23, 25–28, 30, 32–35 repealed by Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41), **Sch. 6**

24 Recovery of penalties.

All penalties imposed by this Act, or by any byelaw made in pursuance thereof, and all expenses and other sums due to the **[**[F13]Greater London Council**]** in pursuance of this Act, in respect of which no mode of recovery is prescribed, may be recovered summarily before two justices in manner directed by the **[**[F14][M1]Magistrates' Courts Act 1952**]**, or any Act amending the same, and when so recovered shall be paid to the treasurer of the **[**[F13]Greater London Council**]**, notwithstanding any Police Act or other Act of Parliament directing a different appropriation of such monies.

Textual Amendments

F13 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

F14 Words substituted by virtue of Interpretation Act 1889 (c. 63), **s. 38(1)**

Marginal Citations

M1 1952 c. 55.

25—28. . . . . [F15]

Textual Amendments

F15 Ss. 2–12, 18–23, 25–28, 30, 32–35 repealed by Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41), **Sch. 6**

29 Establishment of salvage force by insurance offices.

If the companies insuring property within **[**[F16]Greater London other than the Outer London boroughs**]**, or any such number of them as may in the opinion of the said **[**[F16]Council**]** be sufficient, establish a force of men charged with the duty of attending at fires and saving insured property, it shall be the duty of the fire brigade, with the sanction of the **[**[F16]Council**]**, and subject to any regulations that may be made by the **[**[F16]Council**]**, to afford the necessary assistance to that force in the performance of their duties, and, upon the application of any officer of that force, to hand over to their custody property that may be saved from fire; and no charge shall be made by the said **[**[F16]Council**]** for the services thus rendered by the fire brigade.

Textual Amendments

F16 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

30 . . . . . [F17]

Textual Amendments

F17 Ss. 2–12, 18–23, 25–28, 30, 32–35 repealed by Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41), **Sch. 6**

31 †Board to send information of fires to offices.

The metropolitan fire brigade shall in the morning of each day, with the exception of Sundays, send information, by post or otherwise, to all the insurance offices contributing for the purposes of this Act, of all fires which have taken place within **[**[F18]Greater London other than the Outer London boroughs**]** since the preceding return, in such form as may be agreed upon between the **[**[F18]Greater London Council**]** and the said companies.

Textual Amendments

F18 Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 48(3)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 Unreliable marginal note.

32—35. . . . . [F19]

Textual Amendments

F19 Ss. 2–12, 18–23, 25–28, 30, 32–35 repealed by Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41), **Sch. 6**

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Act 1865.