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INQUEST OF FIRES

An Act to provide for the holding of inquiries in the case of fires.

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1. This Act may be cited as the Inquest of Fires Act. Short title.

2. Whenever a fire may take place within The Bahamas an official inquiry shall be held as soon as possible thereafter by the officials named herein, as to the cause and origin thereof, and into all the circumstances connected therewith. Official inquiries to be held in case of fires.

3. Such inquiry shall be held in New Providence by the Commissioner of Police or person performing the duties of that office; and at any Out Island by the commissioner of the district, or the person acting in such office, in which such fire shall have taken place. Persons who shall hold inquiries.

4. Any person authorised to hold an inquiry under this Act, shall, for that purpose, have the same powers as are now vested by law in a justice of the peace, in a proceeding relating to an offence over which such justice has the power to make a summary conviction. Powers of persons holding inquiries.

5. It shall be the duty of each person holding an inquiry under this Act at the conclusion thereof to forward the evidence taken with his report thereon to the Secretary to the Cabinet. Evidence and report to be forwarded to the Secretary to the Cabinet
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6. Any expenses incurred under this Act shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund by warrant in the usual manner. Expenses.