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RESCUE AND FIRE SERVICE BILL 2019

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A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Rescue and Fire Service and its functions and powers, for emergency rescue and for related purposes

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Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Rescue and Fire Service Act 2019*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on 22 October 2019.

3 Definitions

‘building’ includes any structure of whatever kind or nature, whether permanent or temporary or any part of a building or a structure;

‘certificate’ means a fire safety certificate issued under Part 4;

‘Department’ means the Department of National Emergency Services;

‘fire officer’ includes the Chief Fire Officer, Deputy Chief Fire Officer and any officer of the Service appointed under this Act;

‘firefighting’ mean the services that are provided by the Department, whether provided under this Act or any other written law and include all or any of the following:

- (a) fire prevention and protection;
- (b) fire safety;
- (c) fire inspections;
- (d) fire investigation;
- (e) fire suppression;
- (f) mitigation of the effects of fires and recovery from fires;
- (g) enforcement of laws relating to fire safety or public safety;
- (h) coastal water rescue services;
- (i) support or provision of medical first response services;
- (j) response to emergency situations;
- (k) training, education and certification in relation to any of the services in subparagraphs (a) to (j);
- (l) fire safety and public safety awareness and education programs; and
- (m) fire dispatch and emergency communications;

‘firefighting equipment’ include fire extinguishers, fire blankets and smoke detectors or smoke alarms;

‘fire prevention’ means the provision of services for the purposes of preventing fires and includes planning, public awareness, enforcement of laws relating to fire safety and education with respect to fires and the elimination of fire risk;

‘Minister’ means the Minister responsible for the Department;

‘personnel’ means staff and officers of the Service;

‘premises’ means buildings, facilities and structures and includes residential premises, any garden, yard, garage;

‘Rescue and Fire Service’ or ‘Service’ means the Rescue and Fire Services Division of the Department of National Emergency Services;

‘Secretary’ means the Secretary for the Department of National Emergency Services;

4 Act does not affect powers and duties under other laws

Nothing in this Act affects the powers and duties of persons to comply with, carry out or enforce any other written laws.

PART 2 – ADMINISTRATION

5 Responsibility for rescue and fire

- (1) The Rescue and Fire Service shall have the overall authority and responsibility with respect to fire safety and protection and emergency rescue.
- (2) The Service shall have such duties and functions conferred on it by this Act and any other written law.

6 Functions of the Service

The Service shall:

- (a) ensure that the Service personnel complies with this Act and maintains an efficient fire service having regard to life and property;
- (b) ensure that personnel are coordinated and trained for the purposes of fire protection, reinforcement at serious fire or other emergencies including coastal waters rescue and motor traffic accidents;
- (c) supervise or carry out fire prevention activities and allow research work with respect to fire service methods, equipment, organisation or coordination with other services;
- (d) establish courses or training and generally direct the training of fire officers for the purposes of compliance with the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation;