

**68-2-14. Enforcement of laws; investigation of violations.**

The division is authorized to enforce all laws, rules and regulations relating to all forested, cutover or brushlands lying within the state under the following circumstances:

- A. prevention and suppression of fires;
- B. logging and timber operations and practices;
- C. trespass, waste and littering; and
- D. conservation of commercial forest lands and products.

In addition, the state forester and all persons designated by him are authorized to go upon such lands to make investigations concerning violations of the laws, rules and regulations and are given the necessary police powers to apprehend and arrest on warrant issued by any magistrate of the state for violation of the laws, rules and regulations, or without warrant for violations thereof committed in their presence, and shall not be liable to civil actions in trespass for acts done in discharge of their duties.