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**CHAPTER 354.**

AN ACT to regulate artesian water supply and to provide for damages sustained to adjoining land owners.

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

**Owner to prevent loss or waste of water.** SECTION 1. Where there are two or more artesian wells in any vicinity or neighborhood, one or more of which are operated or used by any person or owner, the person or owner of such well shall use due care and diligence to prevent any loss or waste or unreasonable use of any water therein contained or flowing from the same, as would deprive or unnecessarily diminish the flow of water in any artesian well, to the injury of the owner of any other well in the same vicinity or neighborhood.

**Liability to owners of other wells.** SECTION 2. Any person who shall needlessly allow or permit any artesian well owned or operated by him, to discharge greater quantities of water than is reasonably necessary for the use of such person so as to materially diminish the flow of water in any other artesian well in the same vicinity, shall be liable for all damages which the owner of any such other well shall sustain.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 13, 1901.