

CHAPTER 467.

[Published May 6, 1864.]

AN ACT to prohibit any person from taking or receiving from any volunteer into the military service, any fee or reward for procuring for such volunteer extra bounty.

PREAMBLE.

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WHEREAS, It has been represented that certain persons calling themselves town, village or city agents for procuring volunteers to fill the quotas of towns, villages and cities in this state, and for paying such volunteers the town, village or city bounties to which they may be entitled, are in the practice of taking for their services in procuring such bounties, or in the enlistment of men, exorbitant fees; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the public interest requires that our patriotic volunteers should be protected from the swindling operations of those so-called "agents," and that such volunteers and their families should be secured the avails of all bounties voted them in accordance with only [any] law or laws of this state: Therefore, we,

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

Fee for obtaining bounty to volunteer not to exceed 3 per cent. of bounty.

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to take or receive, either directly or indirectly, from any volunteer in the service of the United States or this state, any fee or reward for procuring such volunteer the town, village or city bounty to which such volunteer may be entitled, which fee or reward shall exceed in value three per cent. of the bounty obtained.

No person filling the quota of a town, to receive any part of the volunteer's bounty.

SECTION 2. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons employed by any town, village or city, for any fee or reward, to fill the quota of such town, village or city, to take or receive, either directly or indirectly, any fee or reward for services in procuring the town, village or city bounty from any volunteer in the service of the United States or of this state, who may be credited to such town, village or city.

Penalty.

SECTION 3. Every person violating the provisions of either of the preceding sections, shall be deemed guilty

of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars, with costs of suit, for each offense.

SECTION 4. Justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction to try and determine all cases arising under the provisions of this act: *provided*, that the defendant shall not be deprived of a jury trial, nor of his right to appeal, as in other cases; and all fines collected under the provisions of this act shall be disposed of by said justice as follows: One-half shall be paid to the complainant in the action, and the remaining half to the treasurer of the county in which the justice receiving the fine resides, to be by said county treasurer paid over to the state treasurer, and by him to be placed to the credit of the fund for the payment of families of volunteers.

Jurisdiction of justice.

Disposition of fines.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 468.

[Published May 7, 1864.]

AN ACT conferring upon the supervisors of the town of Wautoma, certain police powers in relation to fires, etc., in the village of Wautoma.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of guarding against the calamities of fire in the village of Wautoma, the supervisors of the town of Wautoma, in the county of Waushara, shall have and exercise all the powers usually had and exercised by the trustees of incorporated villages; and for such purposes, they may prescribe limits within which buildings in said village shall not be erected, placed or repaired. They shall have power to prevent the dangerous construction and condition of chimneys, fireplaces, hearthstones, stovepipes, ovens, boilers and apparatus used in and about any buildings

Powers in regard to fires conferred on supervisors.