

ness and acknowledged before a clerk of a court of record or notary public, or signed in open court before the county judge consent that such petition be granted. That all such publications heretofore made under provision of this section, whether such notices were published once in each week for three successive weeks, or daily for three successive weeks, are hereby legalized and to be effective in either event.

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

Approved April 19, 1895.

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## CHAPTER 355.

AN ACT to amend the laws relating to personal safety in factories, hotels and public buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4575a, of the revised statutes is amended so as to read as follows: Section 4575a. Any person, persons, or body corporate owning, occupying or controlling any factory, workshop or structure three or more stories high, in which twenty-five or more persons are employed at any kind of labor shall provide and keep connected with the same one or more good and substantial metallic or fire-proof ladders, stairs or stairways, ready for use at all times, reaching from the cornice to the top of the first story, on the outside of such building, and placed in such position and in such number as may be designated by the chief of the fire department, fire marshal, or state factory inspector, and at each story above the

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first there shall be a wrought iron balcony in connection with each such ladder, substantially attached to the building, of such length as to permit of access to the same from two or more windows on each story, and of sufficient size to furnish reasonable means of escape to the persons employed therein, from each and every floor or story above the first. In all cities where there is a water supply, by either waterworks, fire engines, or local pumping station, there shall be attached to the fire escape, except on buildings equipped with automatic sprinklers, a three inch wrought iron standpipe, extending from a point within five feet from the ground to a point three feet above the roof or cornice, at each story above the first, and on the roof shall be attached a two and one-half inch angle hose valve, with male hose connection, and a double or siamese 'Y' female hose connection, at the base of the pipe, the threads of the same to conform to the size and pattern used by the fire department where located. And any such person, persons or corporate body who shall for three months after notice by the chief of the fire department, fire marshal or state factory inspector of the passage and publication of this act fail to provide and keep such means of escape from fire or such standpipe, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the court.

Penalty.

Fire escapes to be placed on certain buildings.

SECTION 2. Section 1636d, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1636d. Every inn, hotel, boarding house, store house or tenement building in this state, more than two stories high and containing sleeping apartments, offices, theaters, or assembly halls, or work rooms, above the ground floor, designed for occupancy by twenty-five or more persons, shall be provided with one or more fire-proof stairs, or ladders outside, and to be placed in such position and in such number as may be designated by the chief of the fire department, fire marshal or state factory in-

spector; said stairs or ladders to be located on different sides of said inn, hotel, boarding house, store house or tenement building, in each case connecting the cornice with the top of the first story of any such buildings with a wrought iron platform, balcony, piazza or other safe and convenient resting place on a level with the floor of each story so connected, and of such length as to permit of access to the same from not less than two windows on each story. Such stairway or ladders herein named shall in every case be convenient of access from the interior of any such building, commodious in construction, and of sufficient strength and firmness to render the same amply safe and reliable for the purpose of ascent and descent in case of danger from fire. In all cities where there is a water supply, by either waterworks, fire engines or local pumping station, there shall be attached to the fire escape a three-inch wrought iron stand-pipe, extending from a point within five feet from the ground to a point three feet above the roof or cornice; at each story above the first and on the roof shall be attached a two and one-half inch angle hose valve, with male hose connection, and a double or siamese "Y" female hose connection at the base of the pipe, the threads of the same to conform to the size and pattern used by the fire department where located. But this act shall not be construed so as to apply to private dwellings.

SECTION 3. The inside walls or casings of every elevator for the conveyance of passengers to and from the upper stories of any such building, as is described in the preceding section of this act, shall be constructed of fire-proof material throughout. Elevators to be fire-proof.

SECTION 4. In all inns, hotels, or other buildings hereinbefore described, containing one hundred rooms or more, not less than one efficient watchman shall be on service from ten o'clock p. m. until five o'clock a. m., during each and every night that said inn, hotel or other building described is occupied, and every such watch- Watchman, when on duty.

man shall be required to establish the fact of his fidelity on each occasion, when on duty by the most efficient methods in use for that purpose.

Notice of fire-escapes to be posted.

SECTION 5. In every inn, hotel, or other building hereinbefore described, there shall be posted in every room, in legible print, a brief and accurate statement of all means of safety and escape in case of fire; a red light shall be kept burning all night, located at the head of each stairway above the first floor, also one on each floor above the first, at or near the exit to each of the stationary fire escapes.

Penalty.

SECTION 6. Any owner, landlord or other person in charge of any building hereinbefore described, and coming within the provisions of this act, who shall omit to comply with the provisions of this act, or who shall knowingly permit any violation of the provisions of this act, shall be held guilty of a misdemeanor in permitting the violation of any provisions of this act, and for such misdemeanor may be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety days, on each conviction thereof.

Fire marshal to enforce this act.

SECTION 7. It is hereby made the duty of every chief or fire marshal of the fire department of every incorporated town, village or city, where such an officer is provided for to enforce this act. In such places as a chief or fire marshal is not provided for, the state factory inspector shall enforce this act. Any person or persons failing to comply with the provisions of this act within ninety days after being notified by the chief, fire marshal or state factory inspector, shall be subjected to prosecution under this act. Upon notice of failure of any person or persons to comply with the provisions of this act, having been filed with the district attorney by the officers herein named, it shall be the district attorney's duty to prosecute the party or parties before any competent tribunal; provided, however, that none of the provisions of this act shall apply to any buildings now erected and which are

supplied with a reasonable fire escape, or fire escapes.

SECTION 8. All acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Repeal.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 356.

AN ACT to appropriate the sum of money therein named, to the reformatory, charitable and penal institutions of the state.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the institutions below named, the following sums of money, for the purposes specified, to-wit: To the Wisconsin state hospital for the insane, for current expenses, including painting and necessary repairs to January 1, 1897, one hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars. To the northern hospital for insane, for current expenses, including painting and necessary repairs, to January 1, 1897, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. To the Wisconsin school for the deaf, for current expenses, including painting and necessary repairs, to March 1, 1897, eighty-five thousand dollars; for the construction and equipment of a manual training building, ten thousand dollars. To the Wisconsin school for the blind, for current

Appropriation to various charitable, reformatory and penal institutions to January 1, 1897.