

give such notice upon request therefor by ten or more members. Within ten days after the adoption of such amendment two copies thereof and the minutes showing the vote by which adopted, and of the affidavit of the secretary of the mailing of such notice, verified as such by the affidavit of the president and secretary, shall be forwarded to the commissioner of insurance, and if approved by him and by the attorney-general, the former shall file one copy in his office and attach to the other copy his certificate of such filing. Such certified copy shall be recorded as provided for the articles of organization and a like certificate made by the register of deeds.

SECTION 2. Section 1940 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1940. Any such corporation * * * may attach any adjoining town or towns as part of its territory in which it may thereafter do business; provided the town or towns so attached, together with those already within its jurisdiction, shall not exceed * * * *thirty*, except in cases where all such towns shall be within the same county. No town or towns shall be so attached except *by amendment to the articles of organization* * * * ; provided nothing herein contained shall affect any company already doing business outside of the county in which it is organized.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 32.

AN ACT to amend section 4608a of the statutes, relating to the transportation of the dead.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4608a of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4608a. 1. The state board of health is hereby empowered to make such rules and regulations for the transportation of the dead as in its judgment may be necessary to preserve the public health, and no dead body shall be accepted for transportation, except when prepared in conformity to the rules and regulations adopted by said board for the transportation of the dead.

2. All such rules and regulations shall comply with the rules of the American Association of General Baggage Agents, the National Funeral Directors Association, and the Conference of

State and Provincial Boards of Health. *The board may make special rules and regulations for the transportation of dead bodies sent to medical colleges.*

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

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CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT to create section 1955—23m and to amend section 1955—25 of the statutes, relating to the consolidation and reinsurance of domestic accident and health insurance companies.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1955—23m. In lieu of proceeding under sections 1955—22 and 1955—23, any accident or health company, may consolidate and enter into a contract of reinsurance with any other company by filing with the commissioner of insurance a copy of such contract and all papers relating thereto, which consolidation and reinsurance shall take effect upon such filing and the mailing to each person holding a policy so reinsured a notice thereof. Provided, that if the holders of not less than five per cent of such policies so reinsured shall within thirty days thereafter file a petition with the commissioner of insurance for a hearing on the question of such reinsurance, the commissioner shall, and without such petition may, order a hearing as provided in section 1955—24, notice of which shall be given by the company by mail to each holder of such policy, so reinsured at least ten days before such hearing, and thereupon proceedings shall be had as provided in sections 1955—24 and 1955—25.

SECTION 2. Section 1955—25 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1955—25. All actual expenses and costs incident to proceedings under the provisions of this act shall be paid by the company or companies bringing said petition, *or effecting such reinsurance*, and an itemized statement of the expenses and costs shall be filed in the department of insurance with a certified copy of the decision of the commission. *Provided, that in the discretion of the commission the petitioners under section 1955—23m may be ordered to pay all or a part of such expenses*