

the provisions of sections 925m—308 to 925m—318, inclusive, wherein the council shall have appointed any board or commission after June 19, 1911, in compliance with or attempted compliance with subsections 5 and 6 of this section, and the other statutes of this state relating thereto, and such board or commission so appointed, shall have organized and discharged the duties of such board or commission, the appointment of such board or commission, and all acts, orders, and judgments of such board or commission are hereby declared valid and effectual for all purposes whatsoever from the date thereof.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 489.

AN ACT to create subsections 4 and 5 of section 1946i of the statutes, constituting every chief of a fire department a deputy fire marshal and prescribing his duties, and relating to giving notice of fire by the owner or occupant.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes two new subsections of section 1946i, to read: (Section 1946i) 4. (a) The chief of the fire department in every city, village or town, is hereby constituted a deputy fire marshal, subject to the right of the state fire marshal to relieve any such chief of a fire department from his duties as such deputy fire marshal for cause, and upon such suspension to appoint some other person to perform the duty imposed upon such deputy fire marshal.

(b) In addition to the powers and duties of other deputy fire marshals, the chief of the fire department is required, by himself or by officers or members of his fire department designated by him for that purpose, to inspect all buildings, premises, and public thoroughfares, except the interiors of private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violations of any law or ordinance relating to the fire hazard or to the prevention of fires.

(c) Such inspection shall be made at least once in six months in all of the territory served by such fire department, and not less than once in three months in such territory as the common council shall have designated or shall thereafter designate as within the fire limits or as a congested district subject to con-

flagration, and oftener as the chief of the fire department may order. Each six months' period shall begin on the first days of January and July, and each three months' period on the first days of January, April, July and October, of each year.

(d) The chiefs of fire departments in every city of the first, second and third classes shall designate a sufficient number of men as inspectors to carry out the provisions of this act.

(e) Written reports of inspection shall be made and kept on file in the office of the chief of the fire department in the manner and form required by the state fire marshal.

(f) Such inspection shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the state fire marshal, who shall upon examination by his department certify to the commissioner of insurance after the expiration of each calendar year each such city, village or town where the inspections for such year have been made, and records thereof have been made and kept on file as required by law.

(g) A copy of any report showing a change in the hazard from the survey, or any violation of law or ordinance relating to the fire hazard upon any risk shall be given by the state fire marshal to any inspection bureau making written request of him therefor.

5. The occupant and owner of any premises upon which any fire shall occur shall immediately give written notice thereof, specifying the time, place, amount of damage, and cause so far as known, to the chief of the fire department when the property is located where there is a fire department, or if there be none, then to the state fire marshal at Madison, Wisconsin. Such notice may be sent by mail. No proof of loss under any policy of insurance shall be made until such notice has been given by or in behalf of such occupant or owner, and a notice given by one shall be sufficient for both the owner and occupant. A form for such notice, approved by the state fire marshal, reciting this subsection, shall be attached to every policy of fire insurance issued in this state.

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

Approved June 14, 1913.