

shall be made at a price sufficient to cover the cost of the tags and their distribution.

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

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### CHAPTER 364

AN ACT to create subsection (20) of section 670 of the statutes, relating to special powers of county boards.

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

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to the statutes to read: (Section 670) (20) To discontinue, at the option of the county board, any county school of agriculture and domestic science, and the maintenance thereof, created and maintained by such county under sections 553c to 553l, inclusive; and to devote, use or permit to be used, any lands, buildings, equipment and property that may have been purchased or used by such county school of agriculture and domestic science, for any other institution that may be maintained by the county, or use the same for such other public purpose permitted by law to counties as, in the discretion of the county board, shall be for the best interests of the public.

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

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### CHAPTER 365

AN ACT to create subsection 18 of section 1958 of the statutes, relating to the insurance which may be effected by fraternal benefit societies.

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

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 1958 of the statutes to read: (Section 1958) 18. (a) Any fraternal benefit society authorized to do business in this state, and operating on the lodge plan, may provide in its constitution and by-laws, in addition to other benefits provided for therein, for the payment of death or annuity benefits upon the lives of children between the ages of two and eighteen years at next birthday, for whose support and maintenance a member of such society is respon-

sible. Any such society may, at its option, organize and operate branches for such children and membership in local lodges and initiation therein shall not be required of such children, nor shall they have any voice in the management of the society. The total benefits payable as above provided shall in no case exceed the following amounts at ages at next birthday at time of death, respectively, as follows: two, thirty-four dollars; three, forty dollars; four, forty-eight dollars; five, fifty-eight dollars; six, one hundred forty dollars; seven, one hundred sixty-eight dollars; eight, two hundred dollars; nine, two hundred forty dollars; ten, three hundred dollars; eleven, three hundred eighty dollars; twelve, four hundred sixty dollars; thirteen to fifteen, five hundred twenty dollars; and sixteen to eighteen, where not otherwise authorized by law, six hundred dollars.

(b) No benefit certificate as to any child shall take effect until after medical examination or inspection, in accordance with the laws of the society, nor shall any such benefit certificate be issued unless the society shall simultaneously put in force at least five hundred such certificates, on each of which at least one assessment has been paid, nor where the number of lives represented by such certificate falls below five hundred. The death benefit contributions to be made upon such certificate shall be based upon the "Standard Industrial Mortality Table" or the "English Life Table Number Six" and a rate of interest not greater than four per cent per annum, or upon a higher standard; provided that contributions may be waived or returns may be made from any surplus held in excess of reserve and other liabilities, as provided in the by-laws; provided that a surplus fund of at least one thousand dollars shall be maintained to guarantee the payment of the death benefits forthwith upon proof of death, and, provided further that extra contributions shall be made if such surplus or the reserves hereafter provided for become impaired.

(c) Any society entering into such insurance agreements shall maintain on all such contracts the reserve required by the standard of mortality and interest adopted by the society for computing contributions as provided in subdivision (b), and the funds representing the benefit contributions and all accretions thereon shall be kept as separate and distinct funds, independent of the other funds of the society, and shall not be liable for nor used for the payment of the debts and obligations of the society other than the benefits herein authorized. A society may provide that when a child reaches the minimum age for initiation into membership in such society, any benefit certificate

issued hereunder may be surrendered for cancellation and exchanged for any other form of certificate issued by the society, if such surrender will not reduce the number of lives insured in the branch below five hundred, and upon the issuance of such new certificate any reserve upon the original certificate herein provided for shall be transferred to the credit of the new certificate. Neither the person who originally made application for benefits on account of such child, nor the beneficiary named in such original certificate, nor the person who paid the contributions, shall have any vested right in such new certificate, the free nomination of a beneficiary under the new certificate being left to the child so admitted to benefit membership.

(d) An entirely separate financial statement of the business transactions and of assets and liabilities arising therefrom shall be made in its annual report to the insurance commissioner by any society availing itself of the provisions hereof. The separation of assets, funds, and liabilities required hereby shall not be terminated, rescinded, or modified, nor shall the funds be diverted to any use other than as specified in subdivision (c), as long as any certificates issued hereunder remain in force, and this requirement shall be recognized and enforced in any liquidation, reinsurance, merger, or other change in the condition of the status of the society.

(e) Any society shall have the right to provide in its laws and the certificate issued hereunder for specified payments on account of the expense or general fund, which payments shall or shall not be mingled with the general fund of the society as its constitution and by-laws may provide.

(f) In the event of the termination of membership in the society by the person responsible for the support of any child, on whose account a certificate may have been issued as provided herein, the certificate may be continued for the benefit of the estate of the child, provided the contributions are continued, or for the benefit of any other person responsible for the support and maintenance of such child, who shall assume the payment of the required contributions.

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

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