

charges on all of its first mortgage indebtedness, provided that such mortgage on such public utility or street railway is a closed mortgage and shall have been outstanding at least five years and does not exceed in amount one-half of the value of the physical property covered by such mortgage, and provided further that such public utility or street railway bonds shall mature not later than ten years from the date of investment of such trust funds therein under this section; in obligations secured by first real estate mortgages, or trust deeds, on improved farm property or improved urban property (other than public utility or street railway property except as herein provided) in this state and adjoining states the amount of which mortgages, or trust deeds, does not exceed one-half of the actual value of the property covered thereby; and in promissory notes, which are amply secured by pledge of any of the bonds, real estate mortgages or securities in which investment is hereinbefore authorized.

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

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CHAPTER 229.

AN ACT to amend section 1636—49 of the statutes, relating to the operation of automobiles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1636—49 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1636—49. No person under the age of sixteen years, unless accompanied by parent, guardian or other adult person, and no intoxicated person shall operate, ride or drive any automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle along or upon any public highway of this state. No person shall operate or drive any automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle recklessly or at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the width, traffic and use of the highways and the general and usual rules of the road, or so as to endanger the property, life or limb of any person, and no person shall operate or drive any automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle, along any public highway, within the corporate limits of any city or village at a speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour, nor on any of the public highways outside of the corporate limits of any city or village at a speed exceeding * * * *thirty* miles per hour; and provided further, that no person shall operate or drive any automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle through

any cemetery or through any county or state hospital or poor farm grounds or through any park or in passing any school ground where persons are or may be in said highway at a speed exceeding eight miles per hour; and provided further, that in turning corners, in going around curves, at sharp declines, at the intersection of any street or cross road, and where, for any cause, the view in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding, shall be obstructed, the speed shall be reduced to such a rate as will tend to avoid danger of accident; the operator, when such automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle is in motion, shall observe the rules of the road by keeping to the right upon meeting vehicles and by passing to the left of all vehicles overtaken on any public highway of this state, and at all times giving to the vehicle passed or overtaken one-half of the road. At the intersection of any public street or highway with any other public street or highway of this state, the operator or driver of any vehicle shall have the right of way over the operator or driver of any other vehicle approaching him on such cross street or highway from the left, excepting only in cases of cities where a police officer shall be in actual charge of the regulation of traffic at such intersection of streets. The operator or driver of any vehicle, when any street car is actually taking on or discharging passengers at the crossings or intersections of any public streets or highways, shall stop such automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle, until such passengers shall have been taken on or discharged from such car.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any automobile, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle without a sufficient modern and improved muffler to prevent noise, or with its muffler open upon or along any public street within the corporate limits of any city or village of this state.

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

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CHAPTER 230.

AN ACT to grant to Simmons Company, and to grant to the city of Kenosha, certain submerged lands lying along the shores of Lake Michigan on the eastern frontage of the city of Kenosha.

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

SECTION 1. For and in consideration of five hundred dollars all right, title and interest of the state of Wisconsin in and to