

No. 597, A.]

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CHAPTER 496.

AN ACT to repeal subsection (4) of section 20.73; to create new subsections (4), (5) and (6) of section 20.73 and section 85.32; and to amend paragraph (g) of subsection (4) of section 85.04 of the statutes, relating to state owned automobiles and to personal automobiles used in the business of the state. *The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (4) of section 20.73 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. Three new subsections are added to section 20.73 and a new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: (20.73) (4) Each department, board or commission, upon the written approval of the governor, may purchase necessary trucks and automobiles for its general use, of such style and make as it may determine. Such trucks and automobiles shall be purchased through the superintendent of public property, pursuant to section 33.03.

(5) All state owned passenger automobiles or trucks now in the possession, custody or control of any department, board or commission shall, when ready to be disposed of, be placed in the custody and control of the superintendent of public property. Said superintendent shall dispose of such automobiles and trucks in such manner as he sees fit, and the proceeds from the sale or trade thereof shall be credited to the proper department, board or commission for the subsequent purchase of automotive equipment.

(6) (a) Whenever any chief officer mentioned in subsection (1) determines that the duties of any employe require the use of an automobile he may authorize such employe to use his personal automobile in his work for the state and reimburse him for such use on either of the bases outlined in paragraphs (b) and (c) and subject to all of the conditions set forth in this subsection.

(b) If the employe travels an average of not less than six hundred miles per month he may receive a monthly allowance of not to exceed thirty dollars for the use of a personal automobile whose factory weight is not more than twenty-four hundred pounds, and not to exceed forty dollars for an automobile of a factory weight of more than twenty-four hundred pounds, plus.

in either case, his actual and necessary disbursements for gasoline and lubricating oil.

(c) As an alternative to such monthly allowance, such chief officer may allow any employe who is required to use his personal automobile in his work, not to exceed seven cents for each mile actually and necessarily traveled if such automobile has a factory weight of not more than twenty-four hundred pounds, not to exceed eight cents per mile if the factory weight is more than twenty-four hundred but not more than thirty-three hundred and twenty-five pounds, and not to exceed ten cents per mile if the factory weight is above thirty-three hundred and twenty-five pounds. Provided, that if such travel by automobile exceeds twelve thousand miles in any fiscal year, the mileage allowance shall be six, seven and nine cents per mile, respectively, for all mileage in excess of twelve thousand miles.

(d) Any chief officer may, when necessary, use his personal automobile in his work for the state on either of the above bases and subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs (e) to (g) following.

(e) Every chief officer who uses his own automobile in his work for the state or who authorizes any employe in his department to use his personal automobile, shall file with the secretary of state a list of all persons in his department who are authorized to use personal automobiles, together with the type of car which is needed for the particular work and the monthly sum or mileage rate allowed for the use of such car.

(f) For travel between points convenient to be reached by railroad or bus without unreasonable loss of time the allowance for the use of a personal automobile shall not exceed the railroad or bus fare between such points.

(g) All allowances for the use of a personal automobile shall be paid upon the certification of the amounts payable by the head of the department to the secretary of state.

85.32 All automobiles, trucks and other similar motor vehicles belonging to the state of Wisconsin shall, before being driven on any public highway in this state, be numbered consecutively, and have labeled on both sides of each such automobile, truck or other similar motor vehicle in letters not less than one inch in height, the words "State of Wisconsin," together with the name of the department by which such automobile, truck or other similar motor vehicle is used. On the rear of each such

automobile, truck or similar motor vehicle there shall be labeled the initials of such department in letters not less than three inches high. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the passenger automobile used by the governor, nor to automobiles used by prohibition deputies or conservation wardens.

SECTION 3. Paragraph (g) of subsection (4) of section 85.04 of the statutes is amended to read: (85.04) (4) (g) Automobiles, * * * motor trucks, motor delivery wagons, trailers or semitrailers owned and operated exclusively in the public service by the state of Wisconsin, *except those used by prohibition deputies and conservation wardens*, or by any county or municipality thereof, shall be registered by the secretary of state upon receipt of a properly filled out application blank accompanied by the payment of a registration fee of one dollar for each of said vehicles or trailers. The secretary of state shall furnish two number plates for each *automobile*, motor truck, motor delivery wagon, trailer or semitrailer of a special series and color, and said number plates shall be good for the life of said vehicle, or as long as it is used exclusively in the public service. Registration fees received under this paragraph shall be credited as from the town, village or city from which said fees are received. *Automobiles owned by the state and used by prohibition deputies or conservation wardens may be registered in the same manner as privately owned automobiles.*

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1927.

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CHAPTER 497.

AN ACT to amend paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1) of section 20.16 of the statutes, and to create two new paragraphs to subsection (1) of section 20.16 of the statutes, relating to an appropriation for the state historical society.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1) of section 20.16 of the statutes are amended to read: (20.16)