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CHAPTER 188.

AN ACT to renumber 66.40 (26) (a), (b) and (c) to be, respectively 66.40 (26) (b) 1, 2 and 3; to amend 66.40 (26) (introductory paragraph) and to create 66.41 of the statutes, relating to aiding the prosecution of the war by authorizing housing authorities to develop or administer projects to provide housing for persons engaged in war industries or activities and to cooperate with the federal government in making housing available for such persons; and granting certain powers to public bodies.

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

SECTION 1. 66.40 (26) (a), (b) and (c) of the statutes are renumbered, respectively, 66.40 (26) (b) 1, 2 and 3.

SECTION 2. 66.40 (26) (introductory paragraph) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.40 (26) (Introductory paragraph) (a) It is declared to be the policy of this state that each housing authority shall manage and operate its housing projects in an efficient manner so as to enable it to fix the rentals for dwelling accommodations at the lowest possible rates consistent with its providing decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations, and that no housing authority shall construct or operate any such project for profit, or as a source of revenue to the city.

(b) To this end an authority shall fix the rentals for dwellings in its projects at no higher rates than it shall find to be necessary in order to produce revenues which (together with all other available moneys, revenues, income and receipts of the authority from whatever sources derived) will be sufficient:

SECTION 3. 66.41 of the statutes is created to read:

66.41 WAR HOUSING BY HOUSING AUTHORITIES. (1) Any housing authority established pursuant to section 66.40 may undertake the development or administration or both of projects to provide housing for persons (and their families) engaged or to be engaged in war industries or activities and may exercise any of its rights, powers, privileges and immunities to aid and cooperate with the federal government (or any agency thereof) in making housing available for persons (and their families) en-

gaged or to be engaged in war industries or activities; may act as agent for the federal government in developing and administering such housing; may lease such housing from the federal government (or any agency thereof); and may arrange with public bodies and private agencies for such services and facilities as may be needed for such housing; provided, that any such housing shall not be subject to section 66.40 (26) (b) and (27). Without limiting any existing power, the powers of any public body in the state pursuant to section 66.40 (28) may be exercised with respect to such housing. With the consent, by resolution, of the governing body of any city or county adjacent but outside of the area of operation of a housing authority, the housing authority may exercise its powers under this section within the territorial boundaries of such city or county.

(2) Any project of a housing authority, for which the federal government has heretofore made or contracted to make financial assistance available, may be administered to provide housing for persons engaged or to be engaged in war industries or activities.

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CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to amend 20.18 (4) and to create 47.08 (1a) of the statutes, relating to blind pensions, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.18 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.18 (4) For state and federal aid to the blind and to the blind and deaf, * * * annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1943 \$178,500, and in addition thereto all moneys received from the federal government for aid to the blind, to be expended according to the provisions of section 47.08.

SECTION 2. 47.08 (1a) of the statutes is created to read:

47.08 (1a) On the death of a recipient of a blind pension, if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to defray the burial expense, such reasonable amount not exceeding \$100 shall be paid for funeral and burial expense as the county judge may direct.

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