

counts of the several county officers; and, except in counties of a population of 125,000 or more, may appoint a person or committee as county purchasing agent, and such person or member of such committee need not be a member of the county board but may be the county clerk, county treasurer or any other county officer, and make appropriations for their services. Such purchasing agent shall provide all books, stationery, blanks, safes, furniture, telephone service, fuel and lights necessary for the discharge of official business in the offices of the county clerk, clerk of the circuit court, register of deeds, treasurer, sheriff, and county judge, and the chairman of the county board shall forthwith sign an order in payment therefor. When the cost of such supplies exceeds \$60, the said purchasing agent shall in such manner as he shall deem best to secure the attention of probable bidders, invite proposals of similar standard supplies of equal quantity, and shall purchase from the lowest reliable bidder. * * * *Any county board may by ordinance require that the purchasing for any or all of the offices, boards, departments and commissions of the county shall be made in such manner and by such agency as the county board may determine.*

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CHAPTER 57.

AN ACT to amend 51.22 of the statutes, relating to transfer of insane convicts.

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

51.22 of the statutes is amended to read:

51.22 The department of public welfare, acting as a commission in lunacy, as provided in section 51.11, may adjudge any prisoner in the state prison, *the Wisconsin prison for women*, the state reformatory, the industrial home for women, any county jail or in the Milwaukee house of correction to be insane, or feeble-minded, and may, with the approval of the governor, remove him to the central state hospital or to one of the homes for the feeble-minded. Said department

may likewise transfer to said hospital any insane or feeble-minded person confined in any state or county hospital, or asylum for the insane, or colonies for feeble-minded and epileptic or feeble-minded who, because of suicidal or homicidal tendencies, is dangerous to himself or others. When a prisoner thus removed recovers his reason before the expiration of his sentence he shall, by order of the department, be returned to the prison from whence he was taken.

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CHAPTER 58.

AN ACT to amend 85.01 (4) (e) of the statutes, relating to the exemption from registration of trailers used exclusively for the moving of pea viners.

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

85.01 (4) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.01 (4) (e) For the registration of each trailer or semitrailer, designed to be hauled by a motor vehicle, and having a gross weight of $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons or less, if used for hire, a fee of \$3; for every trailer or semitrailer having a gross weight of more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons, a fee one-half of the fee specified in paragraph (e) of this subsection for a motor truck of the same gross weight. The gross weight in tons of the vehicles specified in this paragraph shall be in every case arrived at by adding together the weight in pounds of the vehicle when equipped ready to carry a load and the maximum load carried by the vehicle and then dividing the sum of the 2 by 2,000. Any trailer or semitrailer permanently equipped with a well-drilling outfit or designed for moving pea viners and used exclusively for * * * either of such purposes need not be registered. Provided, where 2 or more trailers or semitrailers, not used for hire, but used exclusively for transportation on or about the premises of the owner of such trailers or semitrailers, or for transportation to and from a railroad freight station, platform or car located not more than 2 miles from the premises of such owner, are hauled interchangeably by registered motor vehicles, so that not more than one of