

**CHAPTER 626.**

AN ACT to amend 56.01 (1), and to create 20.17 (12) (c) of the statutes, relating to prison industries and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.17 (12) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

20.17 (12) (c) Such sums as the state department of public welfare may from time to time with approval of state emergency board transfer from the appropriations made by paragraphs (a) and (b) and all receipts from sales to its institutions and sales under section 15.59 of obsolete supplies, materials and equipment salvaged under section 56.01, to be used as a revolving appropriation to carry on the provisions of section 56.01.

SECTION 2. 56.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

56.01 (1) The department may establish industries and purchase machinery and raw materials for the employment of prisoners in the Wisconsin state reformatory and Wisconsin state prison, in manufacturing articles for the state and its political divisions and any tax-supported institution or agency and for sale thereof to other states or political divisions thereof or to the United States and shall fix the price of all produce as near the market price as possible. In fixing the price of motor vehicle license plates and highway signs and markers to this state or any division thereof the value of labor of each prisoner employed at such work shall be calculated at the rate of \$1.75 per day, of which 25 cents shall be allowed as pay to the prisoner or as a benefit to his dependents. *The term "manufacturing" includes reprocessing, repairing, salvaging, servicing and storing; and obsolete supplies, materials and equipment may be reconditioned for sale under section 15.59. The department may also operate a central warehouse with the employment of prisoners to supply its institutions.*

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