

societies assembled at any annual meeting shall otherwise determine.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 14, 1887.

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CHAPTER 486.

AN ACT to provide for the more efficient collection of taxes due the fire department of the several cities and villages of this state.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of insurance shall, upon complaint substantiated by satisfactory proof that any fire insurance company licensed to do business in this state has failed to pay the two per cent. fire department tax provided by law to be paid by the said company, notify the said company that if it continues for thirty days in default, on account of such failure he will revoke the license of such company and all of its agents for the remainder of the year, to do business in this state, and he shall at the expiration of such thirty days so revoke and cancel and annul the license of all such fire insurance companies so in default.

Duty of insurance commissioner respecting payment by companies of fire department tax to cities and villages.

SECTION 2. The owner or owners of all property situated in any village or city of this state, insured in any fire insurance company not authorized by the laws of this state to do business therein, shall be liable to the fire department of the city or village in which such property is or may be situated, for the two per cent. tax required by law to be paid to such fire department by such insurance company; and such tax may be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the city or village, the fire department of which is entitled to said tax. Provided, however, that this act shall not be construed to make any owner or owners

Owners of property when liable for tax.

Liability limited to two per cent. upon premium.

liable for any amount exceeding two per cent. upon the premium paid for insurance on property owned by such owner or owners.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 14, 1887.

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CHAPTER 487.

AN ACT to amend section 1799, chapter 87, of the revised statutes of 1878, entitled, "of railroads."

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

Amending section 1799, and creating section 1799a, R. S.—transportation of mixed car-loads of stock.

SECTION 1. Section 1799, chapter 87, of the revised statutes of 1878, is hereby amended by adding thereto next after section 1799, a new section to be designated as section 1799a, and which shall read as follows: Section 1799a. Every railroad corporation operating a road in this state shall receive any and all live stock offered to it or to any agent or employe of it during the months of February, March, April, May, June, July, August and September, for transportation, in mixed car-loads containing different kinds of live stock, and shall make and deliver to the shipper or consignor the usual bill of lading or live-stock contract for the same; provided always: First, that each kind of live stock so to be shipped shall be properly and securely separated from the other or others by a good and sufficient partition or partitions to be placed in the car by the shipper of such live stock at his expense, which said partition or partitions shall not be fastened to the car by nails, spikes, screws or other device that will mar, deface or injure the car: Second, that if the partition or partitions shall become loose or broken so as to allow such live stock to become mixed in the car during the course of transportation and thereby they shall be injured, the corporation so transporting the same shall not be liable for the