

capital stock of said association from fifty thousand to thirty thousand dollars; and,

Preamble.

Whereas, the president and cashier of said bank have furnished to the secretary of state of this state a certificate of such vote, in compliance with the laws of this state, which said certificate is now on file with said secretary of state.

Reduction from \$50,000 to \$30,000 authorized.

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby given to The Security Savings Bank of La Crosse, Wisconsin, a banking association duly organized under the laws of this state, to reduce its capital stock from fifty thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 158.

AN ACT relating to the duties of factory inspectors and amendatory of section 1021f of the statutes of 1898.

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

Inspectors to investigate mercantile establishments.

SECTION 1. Section 1021f of the statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by inserting the words "mercantile establishment" after the word "factory," and the words "or women" after the word "laborers" in the third line of said section; the words "or for suitable seats for women" after the word "operatives" in the sixth line of said section, the words "such seats for women" after the word "employees" in the ninth line of said section and the words "mercantile establishment" after the word "factory" in the tenth and twelfth

lines of said section so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: section 1021f. The commissioner, his deputy, the factory inspector and the assistant factory inspector may enter any factory, mercantile establishment or workshop in which laborers or women are employed, for the purpose of obtaining facts and statistics, examining the means of escape therefrom in case of fire and the provisions made for the health and safety of operatives or for suitable seats for women therein. If any such officer shall learn of any violation of or neglect to comply with the law in respect to the employment of children, the hours of labor for them or for women, or in reference to fire escapes or the safety of employees, or such seats for women, he shall give written notice to the owner or occupant of such factory, mercantile establishment or workshop, of such offense or neglect, and if the same is not remedied within thirty days after the service of such notice, such officer shall give the district attorney of the county in which such factory, mercantile establishment or workshop is situated, formal notice of the facts, whereupon that officer shall immediately institute the proper proceedings against the person guilty of such offense or neglect.

To notify district attorneys of violations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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