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**CHAPTER 240.**

AN ACT to amend chapter 228, laws of 1901, "An act to provide for the organization and discipline of the Wisconsin National Guard and making an appropriation therefor."

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

**Military staff of governor, of what to consist.** SECTION 1. Amend section 2 by striking out the words "surgeon general" in the fourth line and by adding after the words "assistant adjutant general" in the fifth line the words "one assistant surgeon general," so that said section 2 when so amended shall read as follows: **Military staff of governor, of what to consist.** Section 2. The military staff of the governor shall be appointed by him and shall consist of one adjutant general, one quartermaster general, each with the rank of brigadier general, one assistant adjutant general, one assistant surgeon general, one inspector of small arms practice and five aides-de-camp, each with the rank of colonel, one quartermaster and one paymaster, each with the rank of major, one commissary of subsistence and one additional paymaster, each with the rank of captain, and such other officers as he may require.

**Organization of medical department.** SECTION 2. Amend section 17 by inserting after the word "the" and before the words "surgeon general" in the third line the word "assistant" and after the word "thereof" in the same line the following "and shall be paid a salary of five hundred dollars (\$500) annually and shall be allowed his necessary expenses when serving under orders." so that said section 17 when so amended shall read as follows: **Organization of medical department.** Section 17. The medical department of the national guard shall be organized as follows: The assistant surgeon general shall be the head thereof and shall be paid a salary of five hundred dollars annually and shall be allowed his necessary expenses when serving under orders. There shall be as many surgeons as there are regiments, two assistant surgeons for each regiment of infantry, and one for each troop of cavalry, battery and separate battalion; said sur-

geons to have the rank of major, assistant surgeons to have the rank of first lieutenant mounted for the first five years of service and that of captain mounted after five years' service. A hospital corps may also be organized by order of the governor.

**Regimental and battalion organization.** SECTION 3. Amend section 26 by adding after the words "five years" in the third line the words "unless the governor shall order otherwise," so that said section 26 when so amended shall read as follows: Regimental and battalion organization. Section 26. The regiments shall each be officered by one colonel, whose term of continuous service as such colonel shall be limited to five years unless the governor shall order otherwise, one lieutenant colonel and three majors. The regimental staff shall consist of one regimental adjutant, one quartermaster, and one commissary, each with the rank of captain mounted, and one chaplain with the rank of captain of infantry. The regimental staff shall be appointed by the regimental commander, subject to the approval of and on the commission of the governor. The regimental non-commissioned staff shall consist of one sergeant major, one quartermaster sergeant, one commissary sergeant, and two color sergeants who shall be appointed by the regimental commander from the enlisted men of his command. The battalion staff shall consist of one battalion adjutant with the rank of first lieutenant mounted, and one battalion quartermaster and commissioner with the rank of second lieutenant mounted, who shall be appointed by the battalion commander, subject to the approval of the colonel and on commission of the governor, and one battalion sergeant major, who shall be appointed by the battalion commander from the enlisted men of his command.

**Companies to provide armory; allowance to, for rent; when to be paid.** SECTION 4. Amend section 59 by striking out the word "four" in the twenty-sixth line and substituting therefor the word "five" and by striking out the word "five" in the twenty-ninth line and substituting therefor the word "seven," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Companies to provide armory; allowance to, for rent; when to be paid. Section 59. Each company and band shall provide at its own expense a suitable room or building for an armory, and proper racks, frames and other needed provisions for safe keeping of the quartermasters' and ordnance stores and supplies issued by the state, and shall keep therein the same when not in lawful use, except when an armory has been provided for the en-

tire regiment to which the company or band may be attached. When such company or band shall be found by means of the annual inspection, provided for in this chapter, to be properly organized; to have at least the minimum number of members; to be well uniformed; to be well equipped with the necessary arms, accoutrements and to have its quartermasters' and ordnance stores in good condition; to have assembled for inspection and drill as provided by law; and if the commanding officer of such company or the officer or non-commissioned officer in charge of such band shall have made all the muster rolls and returns required by law or orders; all of which shall be evidenced by the certificate of the adjutant general; and when such certified inspection report shall be approved by the governor, each such company shall, except as provided in chapter 365 of the laws of 1895, annually be paid, upon the receipt of its commanding officer, the following appropriations in addition to those otherwise provided for in this chapter. Each company of infantry stationed in a city containing less than fifty thousand inhabitants, according to the last state or national census, five hundred dollars. Each company of infantry stationed in a city containing more than fifty thousand inhabitants, according to such census, seven hundred dollars. The troop of cavalry and battery of light artillery each eight hundred dollars and the bands each the sum of one hundred dollars. The above appropriations shall be full compensation for armory rent and for all other expenses not otherwise provided for in this chapter.

**Review or parade, governor may order; encampments, length of; transportation of troops; not on Sunday.** SECTION 5. Amend section 62 by inserting after the word "necessity" in the sixteenth line the following, "field and staff officers when so ordered into camp may be furnished, under such conditions as the governor may order, with suitable mounts," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: **Review or parade, governor may order; encampments, length of; transportation of troops; not on Sunday.** Section 62. The governor may order all or any portion of the national guard, and the commander of any organization thereof may order the whole or any portion of his command, stationed in any city, to assemble for instruction, parade, review or exercise, at such times and places and for such length of time as he may think proper, or make any other orders relating thereto; provided, no organization shall be ordered to, or shall leave the limits of the county in which its station is located except by

permission of the commander-in-chief. The governor may also order the national guard, or any part thereof, into encampments for military instruction, not to exceed ten days in any year, and may fix the time and place for such encampment, provided that no troops shall be transported on Sunday except for active military service, in cases of necessity. Field and staff officers when so ordered into camp may be furnished, under such conditions as the governor may order, with suitable mounts. Any troops when so ordered into camp, shall be furnished by the state with transportation, tents and camp equipage, and such and such other reasonable and necessary provision for the proper care and preservation of the health of the men, as may be ordered by the governor.

**Decoration for long, faithful service.** SECTION 6. Amend by adding after section 71, a new section which shall be as follows: Section 71a. For not less than fifteen years' service a bronze medal may be issued to all officers and enlisted men eligible to receive a decoration for long and faithful service. The issue shall be made under such regulations as the governor may prescribe.

**Appropriation.** SECTION 7. Amend section 73 by striking out the words "twenty-five" in the fifth line and substituting therefor the word "thirty," so that said section 73 when so amended shall read as follows: Appropriation. Section 73. There is hereby annually appropriated out of any money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum of money to make purchases, defray expenses and pay all allowances authorized by this act not to exceed one hundred thirty thousand dollars annually, except in case of war, riot or great public calamity.

**Conflicting laws repealed.** SECTION 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 13, 1903.