

(85.48) (5) Any city of the first class may by ordinance increase the maximum weight specified in this section which may be carried on any vehicle when operated on the streets of such city.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication, except paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 85.45 which shall take effect July 1, 1935.

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### CHAPTER 298.

AN ACT to amend subsection (1) of section 196.85 of the statutes, relating to the payment of the expenditures of the public service commission by the utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of section 196.85 of the statutes (as amended in chapter 4, laws of 1933) is amended to read: (196.85) (1) Whenever the commission in a proceeding upon its own motion, on complaint, or upon an application to it shall deem it necessary in order to carry out the duties imposed upon it by law to investigate the books, accounts, practices and activities of, or make appraisals of the property of any public utility, power district or railroad or to render any engineering or accounting services to any public utility, power district or railroad, such public utility, power district or railroad shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation, appraisal or service. The commission shall ascertain such expenses, and shall render a bill therefor, by registered mail, to the public utility, power district or railroad, either at the conclusion of the investigation, appraisal or services, or from time to time during its progress, which bill shall constitute notice of said assessment and demand of payment thereof. Upon bill so rendered such public utility, power district or railroad shall, within fifteen days after the mailing thereof pay to the commission the amount of the special expense for which it is billed, and such payment when made shall be credited to the appropriation to the commission in subsection (4) of section 20.51. The total amount, in any one calendar year, for which any public utility, power district or railroad shall become liable, by reason of costs incurred by the commission within such calendar year including charges under subsection (2) of section 184.10,

shall not exceed \* \* \* *four-fifths* of one per cent of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate operations in the last preceding calendar year. Where, pursuant to this subsection, costs are incurred within any calendar year which are in excess of \* \* \* *four-fifths* of one per cent of such gross operating revenues, the excess costs shall not be chargeable as part of the remainder under subsection (2) of this section but shall be paid out of the general appropriation to the public service commission. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the commission from rendering bills in one calendar year for costs incurred within a previous year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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#### CHAPTER 299.

AN ACT to create section 49.025 of the statutes, relating to relief of the poor.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 49.025 EFFECT OF EQUITY IN HOME OR INSURANCE POLICY. No person shall be denied relief as a poor person on the ground that he has an equity in the home in which he lives or a cash or loan value not in excess of three hundred dollars in a policy of insurance. No applicant for relief shall be required to assign such equity or insurance policy as a condition for receiving relief.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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#### CHAPTER 300.

AN ACT to amend subsection (9) of section 39.03 of the statutes, relating to school board conventions.

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