

burden shall be on the guardsman to establish that such order was reasonable under the circumstances. Nothing herein shall constitute a defense to any criminal or civil action for a negligent act. Every officer and enlisted man of such forces shall, during his service therein, be exempt from service upon any posse comitatus and from jury duty.

SECTION 2. 21.13 of the statutes is amended to read:

21.13 If any member of the national guard *or the state guard* shall be prosecuted by any civil or criminal action for any act performed by such member while in the performance of his military duty and in pursuance thereof, the action against such member may, in the discretion of the governor, be defended by counsel appointed therefor by the governor upon the recommendation of the attorney-general. The costs and expenses of any such defense shall be audited by the secretary of state and paid out of the state treasury and charged to the legal expense appropriation provided in * * * section 20.08 (2).

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CHAPTER 442.

AN ACT to repeal 14.65 (3), 15.29 (2) (last sentence), 15.30, 15.33 (2) and 15.82 of the statutes and to amend 14.65 (4), 15.28 (intro. para.) and (3), 15.33 (1), (3) and (5), 15.77 (5) (c) and 20.01 (1) (c) of the statutes, for the purpose of eliminating obsolete provisions relating to the advisory council and the executive council.

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

SECTION 1. 14.65 (3) is repealed and 14.65 (4) is amended to read:

(14.65) (4) Each officer, commission and board shall keep a record of all work done for or in co-operation with other officers, commissions and boards under this section * * *.

SECTION 2. 15.28 (introductory paragraph) and 15.28 (3) are amended to read:

(15.28) (intro. para.) The director of purchases shall have

* * * authority and is hereby directed to purchase and may
 * * * delegate to special designated agents the authority to
 purchase:

(3) All mimeograph, multigraph and similar work * * *

SECTION 3. The last sentence of 15.29 (2) is repealed.

SECTION 4. 15.30 is repealed.

SECTION 5. 15.33 (2) is repealed and 15.33 (1), (3) and (5)
 are amended to read:

(15.33) (1) All materials, supplies, equipment and contractual
 services except as otherwise provided herein, when the estimated
 cost thereof shall exceed \$3,000, shall be purchased from the
 lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting proposals,
 except that stationery and printing shall be let to the lowest
 bidder in all cases. Such notice shall be published on at least one
 day in the official state paper and the bids shall not be opened
 until at least 7 days from the last date of publication and 10
 days from the first date of publication shall have elapsed. * * *
 The official advertisement shall give a clear description of the
 article to be purchased, the amount of the bond or check to be
 submitted as surety with the bid and the date of public opening.

(3) When the director of purchases believes that it is to the
 best interests of the state to purchase certain patented or pro-
 prietary articles, other than printing and stationery, he shall
 have power and authority to purchase said articles without the
 usual statutory procedure * * *. All equipment shall be pur-
 chased from the lowest and best bidder as determined by the bids
 and a comparison of the detailed specifications submitted with
 the bids, and after due advertisement as hereinbefore provided.
 Where the low bid or bids are rejected, a complete written rec-
 ord shall be compiled and filed, giving the reasons in full for
 such action.

(5) The director of purchases shall have power to require of
 bidders or contractors such sureties as, in his judgment, are
 deemed advisable. He shall have power to decide as to the re-
 sponsibility and competency of such bidders and sureties * * *.

SECTION 6. 15.77 (5) (c) is amended to read:

(15.77) (5) (c) To let concessions * * * for periods not
 exceeding 2 years for the operation of a restaurant, barber shop,
 and cigar stand in the capitol, under such terms and conditions
 as will in his judgment be most favorable to the state, and secure
 efficient and economical service;

SECTION 7. 15.82 is repealed.

SECTION 8. 20.01 (1) (c) is amended by striking therefrom the words "the executive council."

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CHAPTER 443.

AN ACT to create 20.036 and 45.35 of the statutes, creating a veterans recognition board, providing for administration of rehabilitation and aid to returning Wisconsin veterans of World War II, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.036 of the statutes is created to read:

20.036 VETERANS RECOGNITION BOARD. There is appropriated from the veterans rehabilitation trust fund to the veterans recognition board a sum sufficient for the execution of its functions under section 45.35. All moneys received from the federal government as reimbursement pursuant to section 45.35 (9) shall be paid into and credited to the veterans rehabilitation trust fund.

SECTION 2. 45.35 of the statutes is created to read:

45.35 VETERANS RECOGNITION BOARD; STATE POLICY; POWERS. (1) The legislature declares that it is the policy of the state of Wisconsin to assume responsibility for the rehabilitation and hospitalization of returning members of the armed forces of the United States in World War II, who are bona fide residents of this state, in cases where the federal government fails or refuses to provide such rehabilitation and hospitalization. The legislature further declares that the state intends by the enactment of this section to render all possible aid and assistance to such returning members of the armed forces, when adequate provision is not available from the federal government, in order to prevent want or distress. A liberal construction of this section is intended.

(2) There is created a veterans recognition board to consist of 5 members appointed by the governor by and with the advice and