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CHAPTER 289

AN ACT to renumber 66.204 (1) ; to amend 144.03 (5) and 144.53 (3) ; and to create 66.204 (1) (b) of the statutes, relating to scientific experiments, investigations and research on sewage treatment, industrial wastes and relating problems.

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

SECTION 1. 66.204 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 66.204 (1) (a).

SECTION 2. 66.204 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

66.204 (1) (b) The commissioners may project and plan scientific experiments, investigations and research on treatment processes and on the receiving waterway to insure that an economical and practical process for treatment is employed and that the receiving waterway meets the requirements of regulating agencies. To this end the commission may conduct such scientific experiments, investigations and research independently or by contract or in co-operation with any public or private agency including any political subdivision of the state or any person or public or private organization.

SECTION 3. 144.03 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

144.03 (5) It may conduct investigations * * *, experiments, and research in the purification and conservation of water and the treatment of sewage or refuse, hold public meetings, and attend or be represented at such meetings inside or outside the state. *For the conduct of said investigations, experiments and research, the board may on behalf of the state accept funds from any public or private agency. It may conduct such investigations, experiments and research independently or by contract or in co-operation with any public or private agency including any political subdivision of the state or any person or public or private organization.* The board, upon request, and without charge for service

or expense, shall consult with and advise owners having installed or about to install systems or plants, as to the most appropriate water supply and the best method of providing for its purity, or as to the best method of disposing of sewage or refuse, with reference to the existing and future needs of all communities or persons which may be affected thereby. The board shall not be required to prepare plans.

SECTION 4. 144.53 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

144.53 (3) To conduct scientific experiments, investigations and research to discover economical and practicable methods for the elimination, disposal or treatment of industrial wastes to control pollution of the surface waters of the state. *Such scientific experiments, investigations and research may include studies of the effect of industrial wastes on receiving streams and on the aquatic life therein.* To this end, the committee may * * * on behalf of the state * * * *accept funds from any public or private agency. It may with such moneys establish pilot plants and facilities in connection therewith, lease land or equipment, or purchase land or equipment, the latter to become the property of the owner or municipality upon completion of such scientific experiments, investigations and research. The committee may conduct such scientific experiments, investigations and research independently or by contract or in co-operation with any public or private agency including any political subdivision of the state or any person or public or private organization.* To supervise chemical treatment of waters for the suppression of algae, aquatic weeds, swimmer's itch and other nuisance-producing plants and organisms. To this end the committee may conduct experiments for the purpose of ascertaining the best methods for such control. It may purchase equipment and may make a charge for the use of the same and for materials furnished, together with a per diem charge for any services performed in such work. The charge shall be sufficient to reimburse the committee for the use of the equipment, the actual cost of materials furnished, and the actual cost of the services rendered plus 10 per cent for overhead and development work.

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