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CHAPTER 439

AN ACT to renumber 15.536 (4) and (5); to amend 15.535 (5); and to create 15.536 (4) of the statutes, relating to port development in Wisconsin and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 15.535 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.535 (5) To aid and advise the director in the performance of his functions as specified in s. 15.536 there is created an advisory committee consisting of 2 senators and 2 assemblymen, appointed as are standing committees, and \* \* \* 13 other members representing such interested organizations and groups as industry, agriculture, small business, labor, banking and finance, the university of Wisconsin, railroads \* \* \*, *water transportation*, public utilities, *harbor and terminal authorities and industries*, at least 2 of whom shall represent lake ports, to be appointed by the governor. All terms shall be for 2 years beginning May 1 of odd years and shall continue until the successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. If a legislative member of the committee ceases to be a legislator, his membership on the committee also terminates. The committee shall receive reports periodically from the division and shall meet at least semi-annually to advise, guide, and establish the policies of the division. The committee shall meet at the direction of the governor or upon written request from any 3 members. Members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation but shall receive their actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

SECTION 2. 15.536 (4) and (5) of the statutes are renumbered 15.536 (5) and (6) respectively.

SECTION 3. 15.536 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

15.536 (4) PORT DEVELOPMENT. Under the supervision of the director and guidance of the advisory committee the division shall formulate and direct a program of port development for the state. Through research and promotion the division shall foster the most desirable growth and development of the ports and harbors in the state. It shall serve as the central co-ordinating agency and clearinghouse for activities and information concerning the ports of the state. The division shall have the following duties:

- (a) To gather and maintain information on the ports of the state;
- (b) To process requests received by state agencies on information pertaining to ports of the state;
- (c) To act as the liaison agency between port authorities and existing state agencies;
- (d) To make recommendations to the governor for the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a co-ordinated and economically efficient development of the ports of the state. The division shall encourage and co-ordinate research on such subjects as taxes, freight rates and tariffs, demurrage charges, highways and bridges directly affecting ports, and state and federal regulations affecting ports. In respect to this activity the division shall, at the direction of the governor, utilize and co-ordinate the pertinent research facilities of state departments and institutions;
- (e) To provide advice and assistance to Wisconsin port authorities and bring to the attention of the governor and legislature those significant problems which may be relieved by state action;
- (f) To appear when it deems advisable before any governmental agency, federal, state or local, concerning the welfare of the ports of the state;
- (g) To collect and disseminate information regarding the advantages of developing new business for the ports of the state;
- (h) To aid local port authorities in organizing for and obtaining new business.

SECTION 4. The sums in section 20.005 (2) (a) (lines 223 to 226) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1957, are increased by adding the following amounts:

	1957-58	1958-59
Industrial development division 20.360 (5)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Personal services	9,000	9,000
Materials and expense	1,000	1,000

for the purpose of providing funds to formulate and direct a program of port development for the state.

SECTION 5. The sums in section 20.360 (5) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1957, are increased by adding \$10,000 for 1957-58 and \$10,000 for 1958-59, for the purpose of providing funds to formulate and direct a program of port development for the state.

Approved July 24, 1957.

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