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## CHAPTER 204.

AN ACT relating to malicious, civil or criminal actions against members of the Wisconsin National Guard.

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

Relating to  
counsel for the  
defense of Na-  
tional Guards-  
men against  
civil or crim-  
inal prosecu-  
tion.

SECTION 1. If any member of the Wisconsin National Guard shall be prosecuted by 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 council appointed therefor by the governor, upon the approval 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.

SECTION 2. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 10, 1897.