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CHAPTER 464.

AN ACT to create section 1941—63s of the statutes, relating to the standard fire insurance policy.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1941—63s. Unless otherwise specified in an indorsement on the policy, which is hereby authorized, the company shall hold as a deposit in trust for the insured, for which he shall have a preferred claim, a pro rata part of the premiums paid on every standard fire insurance policy.

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

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CHAPTER 465.

AN ACT to amend section 1926 of the statutes, relating to fire department dues.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1926 of the statutes, is amended to read: Section 1926. 1. * * * *Every city or village or town containing an unincorporated village, having or maintaining a regularly organized fire department, as hereinafter provided, shall be entitled, for the support and maintenance of such fire department, * * * to * * * two per centum upon the amount of all premiums which, during the year or part of a year ending on the next preceding first day of January, shall have been received by, * * * or shall have been agreed to be paid to any company or insurer, or agent thereof, for any insurance effected, or agreed to be effected, or promised by such company, insurer or agent thereof * * * against loss or injury by fire in any such city or village, or within a radius of one mile from the location of any fire department in any town containing an unincorporated village; such dues to be payable as provided in section 1926m. * * **

2. No city, village or town shall be entitled to such * * * dues unless it shall have, support or maintain a fire department consisting, in case of a voluntary department, of at least one fire engine company with not less than ten active members, hav-

ing at least one good fire engine and not less than five hundred feet of sound rubber, leather or other hose kept in an engine house fit and ready at all times for actual service, and at least one hook and ladder company, with not less than twelve active members, having a good hook and ladder truck, and each such company shall hold a meeting at least once a month, and in case of a paid or partly paid fire department, the buildings, machinery and materials hereinbefore enumerated and the necessary men, teams and equipments to constitute an active and properly equipped department, ready for service at all times. * * *

3. In case any city, village or town shall have and maintain a system of waterworks with sufficient pressure for fire purposes, with one or more hose companies of not less than ten active members, each having not less than five hundred feet of sound rubber, leather or other hose, with one or more hose carts kept fit and ready at all times for actual service, such city, village or town shall not be required to maintain a fire engine. * * *

4. *No city, village or town shall be paid any fire department dues for any year unless the state fire marshal shall have certified to the commissioner of insurance that the requirements of section 1946i have been complied with as to such city, village or town, and any fire department dues paid into the state treasury for any city, village or town not entitled to receive the same may be expended by the state fire marshal for making the necessary inspections within any such city, village or town.*

5. The owner of any property situated in any city, village or town within this section who shall insure the same in any company not authorized to do business in this state, or in any company authorized to do business in this state * * * which has not complied with the provisions of this section in regard

* * * *to the payment of fire department dues shall be liable to the * * * state * * * for the percentage of premiums on the insurance on such property, and such percentage may be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the state * * * , and when recovered it shall be payable to such city, village or town.*

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

Approved June 14, 1913.