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CHAPTER 380

AN ACT to amend 31.18 (4) of the statutes, relating to obligations of owners of bridges and dams.

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

31.18 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

31.18 (4) The public service commission shall in the interest of public rights in navigable waters, or to promote safety and protect life, health and property, require the grantee of any permit, under this chapter, or of any permit or authorization heretofore provided for by legislative enactment, prior to flowing any lands by the construction of a dam thereunder, to remove from such lands all or any portion of the standing and fallen timber and all or any portion of the brush. *Provided that in cases where the application for permit proposes construction of a dam for water reservoir or water storage purposes, and not for the purpose of operating a hydroelectric generating plant, the nature, extent and time for such removal shall be determined prior to the granting of a permit, except that subsequent to the granting of a permit the commission may make such modification in the removal requirements as may be in the public interest and which will not materially alter the economics of the project; and in making such original determination or any modification thereof the economic need for the project shall be considered.*

Approved June 25, 1953.