AN ACT to amend 612.32 (1), 612.52, 612.54 (3), 631.31 (1) (c) and 631.65 of the statutes, relating to miscellaneous town mutual insurance law changes.

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

SECTION 1. 612.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

612.32 (1) REAL PROPERTY OUTSIDE TERRITORY. Town mutuals may insure real property and contents in villages and cities partially located in the specified territory, real property and contents owned by a member immediately adjoining and contiguous to land owned by the same member which is within the specified territory, and real property and contents used exclusively by the member and his or her family for recreational purposes. Recreational property may not be insured for a greater amount than 50% of the amount for which the member’s dwelling and related buildings are insured.

SECTION 2. 612.52 of the statutes is amended to read:

612.52 Undertaking to pay premiums and assessments. No town mutual may issue a policy unless the prospective member has signed an undertaking agreeing to pay the advance premiums for any insurance on the member’s behalf and any assessment which may be levied in accordance with the terms of the policy, the articles, the bylaws, the statutes, and the reasonable expenses of collecting the assessment and any reasonable penalties for nonpayment. The undertaking may provide that for such collection the member applicant shall waive any exemptions otherwise applicable to the property covered by the policy.

SECTION 3. 612.54 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

612.54 (3) CLASSIFICATION. Assessments may be levied at the same rate on all members or according to a classification plan approved under s. 612.34 (2). Assessments other than for the purpose of creating a surplus not exceeding the annual premium of the terminated policy may also be levied on persons whose membership has terminated within a period not exceeding 8 4 months prior to the date of before the assessment, to pay losses incurred before the end of the month of termination of membership, to repay money borrowed to pay those losses and to pay other expenses.

SECTION 4. 631.31 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

631.31 (1) (c) Assessability. That the policy is assessable, if it is, as required by s. 631.65;
SECTION 5. 631.65 of the statutes is amended to read:

631.65 Assessable policies. Every assessable policy, other than one issued by an insurer under ch. 612, shall conspicuously display on the first page, separately from any other provision and in type at least as large as any used in the body of the policy, the words “This policy is assessable”.