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CHAPTER 228.

AN ACT to amend section 1480 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes of 1878, relating to the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds.

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

Relating to obnoxious weeds.

Section 1. Every person and every corporation shall destroy upon all lands which he or it shall occupy, all weeds of the kind known as snap dragon, Canada thistle, sand burrs, cockle burrs, and burdock, at such time and in such manner as shall effectually prevent their leaving seed. Every overseer of highways shall also in like time and manner destroy all such weeds that may grow, either on the highway of his road district or on any unoccupied lands therein, which the owner thereof shall neglect to so destroy. For so doing such overseer shall have such compensation, payable out of the town treasury, as the town board upon the presentation of his account thereof, verified by his oath, and specifying by separate items the charges against each piece of land, describing the same, shall deem reasonable; and the respective amounts so paid, except for the destruction of such weeds upon highways, shall be placed on the next tax roll in a separate column, headed "for destruction of weeds," as a tax against the lands upon which such weeds were destroyed, and be collected as other taxes, and the entry of such tax on the tax roll shall be conclusive evidence of the liability of the lands so taxed to such tax.

Duty of town clerk.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the town clerk of every town to cause a copy of all the laws relating to the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds to be printed on every road warrant issued by the town board, and it shall be the duty of the chairman of every town board at the annual town meeting of each year to read aloud to such meeting the whole of such laws as printed on said road warrant.

Section 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the passage and publication thereof.

Approved March 31, 1883.