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CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT to amend section 4590 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, relating to obscene books, literature, papers and pictures.

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

Obscene writing or pictures prohibited. Penalty. Exceptions.

SECTION 1. Section 4590 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, is hereby amended, by adding thereto the following: "Any person who shall, in a public place, or on any fence or wall, or other surface, contiguous to the public street or highway, or on the floor, or ceiling, or on the inner or outer wall, closet, room, passage, hall, or any part of any hotel, inn, or tavern, court house, church, school, station house, depot for freight or passengers, capitol or other buildings devoted or open to other or like public uses, or on the walls of any outbuildings, or other structure pertaining thereto, make or cause to be made any obscene drawing, or picture, or obscene or indecent writing, or print, liable to be seen by others passing, or coming near the same, such person so offending, shall in every such case, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

"Any person or persons, who shall put up, in any public place, any indecent, lewd or obscene picture or character, representing the human form in a nude or semi-nude condition, or shall advertise by circulars or posters any indecent, lewd or immoral show, play or representation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than three hundred

dollars; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed as to interfere with purely scientific works, written on the subject of sexual physiology or works of art.”

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

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CHAPTER 129.

AN ACT to amend subdivision 2 of section 258 and section 261 of chapter 17 of the Wisconsin statutes for the year 1898, relating to the investment of trust funds.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision 2 of section 258, chapter 17 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “buildings” in the third line of said subdivision 2 the words “or refunding their indebtedness,” so that said subdivision when so amended shall be and read as follows: 2. In loans to school districts in the state, or to the school directors of any town therein in which the township system of schools exists, as hereinafter provided, for the purpose of erecting school buildings or refunding their indebtedness, but for no other purpose.

SECTION 2. Section 261 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the word “ten” in the second line and inserting in lieu thereof the word “fifteen,” and by striking out the word “four” in the seventh line

Loans to school districts.

Time of loan, and limitation as to amount. Interest thereon.