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CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to authorize cities of the first class to employ a veterinary surgeon.

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

Employment of veterinary surgeon authorized. SECTION 1. Any city of the first class shall be authorized, and is hereby authorized, to employ a veterinary surgeon in its fire department who may be required to render service in respect to all horses used by the city.

City veterinarian, how appointed. SECTION 2. On or before the first Monday in June 1901, the chief engineer of the fire department may nominate, and with the approval of the board of fire and police commissioners, he may appoint a qualified and suitable person to be veterinary surgeon of the fire department, who shall take the official oath required of officers of the city and shall hold his position at the pleasure of the chief. In case of a vacancy in the office at any time, it shall be filled by appointment in the same way.

Salary of, how fixed. SECTION 3. The veterinary surgeon so appointed and his successors in office shall be subject to all the rules of the department which are applicable to such an officer and shall also be subject always to the special control and direction of the chief. The salary of the veterinary surgeon shall be fixed by the common council and shall be paid in monthly installments at the same time and in the same manner as other salaries in the fire department are paid.

Duties of; to make report. SECTION 4. The veterinary surgeon shall render such services and perform such duties as shall be required by the rules of the fire department, and also such as may be required by the chief at any time. Especially the veterinary surgeon will be required to make careful examination of horses offered for purchase by the city for use of the fire department when required by the chief or by any officer of the city or any board having authority to purchase such horses, and no horses shall be purchased for such use without a certificate by the veterinary surgeon that in his opinion, the horse is fit for the service intended and no bill or resolution for the payment for

any horse purchased for such use shall be countersigned by the comptroller unless it is accompanied by such a certificate of the veterinary surgeon. It shall be the duty of the veterinary surgeon, at least once in each month, to visit the quarters of each company belonging to the fire department and to inspect carefully and thoroughly the stables and horses and the forage and feed provided and to make prompt report in writing to the chief of any deficiency found or anything needing correction or improvement either in the horses or the stables or the forage or feed provided. It shall be the duty of the veterinary surgeon to make a prompt written report to the chief immediately upon discovering that any horse in use in the department is not fit for further service therein and upon the approval by the chief of any such report, the horse or horses named therein may be sold or otherwise disposed of by the proper officer or officers of the city.

Duties outside of fire department. SECTION 5. The veterinary surgeon of the fire department may also be required by the chief to inspect and make written report as to horses owned by the city or offered for purchase by the city for use elsewhere than in the fire department and also to render medical or other service in relation to horses owned or in use by the city elsewhere than in the fire department; and it is hereby made the duty of the chief of the fire department to communicate the opinion or certificate of such surgeon, as to any horses inspected by him, to the officer or board having charge of or authorized to purchase such horses, and no horse shall be purchased for the city without the certificate of such surgeon, that in his opinion the horse is fit for the service intended. No compensation beyond the salary fixed by this act shall be allowed or paid to such surgeon for any services which he shall perform under this act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 6, 1901.