

18. The commissioner of insurance shall make such reasonable rules and regulations for the granting of life insurance and annuities, as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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

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CHAPTER 578.

AN ACT to create section 1926m of the statutes, relating to fire departments, and to the report and payment of fire department dues by insurance companies, and making an appropriation therefor.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1926m. 1. The state fire marshal shall annually, on or before the first day of October, file with the commissioner of insurance a statement containing the name of every city, village or town entitled to fire department dues under section 1926.

2. The commissioner of insurance shall annually, on or before the first day of November in each year, forward to every company or insurer transacting the business of fire insurance within this state, a list of all cities, villages and towns entitled to fire department dues under section 1926.

3. Every company or insurer effecting any insurance against loss or injury by fire in any city, village or town in this state, entitled to any fire department dues under section 1926, shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, file with the commissioner of insurance a statement, showing the amount of premiums upon which any such fire department dues shall be payable to any such city, village or town, and pay to the state, through the commissioner, the total amount of such fire department dues payable to all the cities, villages or towns in the state entitled to the same. Return premiums, as defined in section 1219, may be deducted in determining the premium on which the dues are payable under section 1926.

4. The commissioner of insurance shall, on or before the first day of May in each year, compile the total amount of fire department dues paid by all companies and insurers as herein required, and certify the total amount for each city, village or town to the secretary of state; and such amount shall, upon being audited

by the secretary of state, be paid by the state treasurer to the respective treasurers of the cities, villages and towns entitled to the same.

5. The commissioner shall also transmit to the treasurer of each city, village and town entitled to any such fire department dues, a statement giving the name of each company or insurer, paying any such dues for such city, village or town, with the amount paid.

6. The provisions of this section shall stand in lieu of the giving of a bond, and the making of a sworn statement, and the payment of the fire department dues required from each underwriter or agency required by section 1926; provided, that if any company or insurer shall fail to pay the tax at the time required in this section, the provisions of section 1926 shall apply.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 579.

AN ACT to create section 175m of the statutes, validating instruments made to or by corporations, acknowledged before notaries public who were stockholders, directors, officers or employes of the corporation, and validating other acts done by said notary.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 175m. No acknowledgment to a deed, mortgage or other written instrument, heretofore executed to or by a bank or other corporation which has been acknowledged before a notary public who, at the time of taking such acknowledgment, was a stockholder, director, officer or employe of the bank or other corporation, to whom or by whom such instrument was made, shall be declared invalid or to have been illegally executed and acknowledged because the notary public taking the acknowledgment was a stockholder, director, officer or employe of the bank or other corporation to which or by which such instrument was made, and no protest of a bill of exchange, draft, check, note or other negotiable instrument which has been heretofore protested for nonacceptance or nonpayment by a notary public who, at