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CHAPTER 80

AN ACT to amend the first paragraph of section 20.71 of the statutes, making an appropriation for the civil service commission.

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

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 20.71 of the statutes is amended to read: (20.71) There is appropriated from the general fund to the state civil service commission, on July 1, * * * 1917, * * * eleven thousand dollars, and annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1918, twenty- * * * one thousand * * * dollars, for the execution of its functions. Of this there is allotted:

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon July 1, 1917.

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CHAPTER 81

AN ACT to amend subsection (5) of section 20.61 of the statutes, making an appropriation for the state dairymen's association.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (5) of section 20.61 of the statutes is amended to read: (20.61) (5) Annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1917, * * * six thousand * * * dollars to the Wisconsin state dairymen's association, for printing and otherwise carrying on its work.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon July 1, 1917.

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CHAPTER 82

AN ACT to establish a state council of defense and making an appropriation therefor, and providing a penalty.

WHEREAS, By a federal act entitled, "An act making appropriations for the support of the army, etc., and for other purposes," approved August 29, 1916, provision was made for the formation of a council of national defense, the purpose of which is to supervise and direct investigations and make recommendations to the President and the heads of executive departments as to the location of railroads with reference to the frontier of the

United States so as to render possible expeditious concentration of troops and supplies to points of defense; the coordination of military, industrial, and commercial purposes in the location of extensive highways and branch lines of railroad; utilization of waterways; the mobilization of military and naval resources for defense; the increase of domestic production of articles and materials essential to the support of armies and of the people during the interruption of foreign commerce; the development of seagoing transportation; data as to amounts, location, method and means of production, and availability of military supplies; the giving of information to producers and manufacturers as to the class of supplies needed by the military and other services of the government, the requirements relating thereto, and the creation of relations which will render possible in time of need the immediate concentration and utilization of the resources of the nation;

WHEREAS, It is necessary to the highest efficiency of our nation in the present time of stress that every state should cooperate with this national body and with other state governments in measures for national defense; therefore
The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is established a state council of defense, to be known hereafter in this act as the "council," to assist the governor in doing all things necessary to bring about the highest effectiveness within our state in the crisis now existing and to coordinate all our efforts with those of the federal government and with those of other states. The members of the council shall be appointed by the governor and shall be selected as follows:

1. One representative of the manufacturing interests of the state.
2. One representative of labor.
3. One representative of the farmers.
4. A woman who shall represent the Red Cross and relief societies.
5. A physician who shall represent the medical profession.
6. One representative of the bankers.
7. One representative of the railroads.
8. One trained engineer.
9. The adjutant general.
10. Two citizens at large.

SECTION 2. Any member may be removed by the governor at any time and the vacancy filled.

SECTION 3. The governor shall be ex officio a member of the general council and a member of all council committees.

SECTION 4. The members of this council, unless receiving a salary or pay from the federal government, from the state, or from a county or municipality, shall be paid as compensation the sum of five dollars per day for each day actually spent in the work of the council; the members of the council shall receive also their traveling expenses incurred in the actual performance of their duty.

SECTION 5. The members of the council, on receipt of notice of appointment, shall immediately assemble at Madison at a time and place to be fixed by the governor, and shall forthwith organize, elect a chairman, and select a secretary who need not be a member of such council.

SECTION 6. The council shall appoint such experts, stenographers, clerks, and other employees as may be necessary and shall fix their compensation; such persons so employed may, if the council shall so determine, receive, in addition to their compensation, the traveling expenses necessarily incurred in performance of their duty.

SECTION 7. The superintendent of public property shall supply the said council with suitable rooms, in the capitol at Madison and in such other places as shall be found by the council to be necessary and convenient to the performance of its duties, and shall also furnish such necessary office furniture, stationery and supplies as shall be requisitioned by the council or by the governor. The council shall also have authority to requisition from the printing board such printed material as may be needed.

SECTION 8. The council shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this act. It shall have the right to form advisory or other committees from outside of its membership and may organize subordinate bodies for its assistance in special investigations either by the employment of experts or by the creation of committees of specially qualified persons, and may form such committees from among its own members as may be necessary and convenient.

SECTION 9. All such committees and bodies or combination thereof shall act together or separately in such manner as the council shall direct.

SECTION 10. The joint finance committee of the legislature is constituted a committee on taxation and finance to act with and cooperate with the council.

SECTION 11. The council as soon as it is organized shall communicate at once with the national council of defense and offer

its cooperation, and state that it is organized and is ready to receive information and to carry out within the state of Wisconsin such plans as will be mutually agreed upon for the defense of the nation, and shall in every way possible cooperate with such national council. It shall also get into communication with defense bodies representing other states and shall cooperate with them as far as may be practicable.

SECTION 12. The council after consultation with the national council of defense shall gather at once through its committees or otherwise, statistics, facts, and other information found necessary and shall arrange them in an orderly and accessible manner. It shall supervise and direct investigations and make recommendations to the governor and to the legislature.

SECTION 13. In all emergency matters relating to defense before the legislature of the state the council may be called into committee of the whole on legislation to raise funds, gather supplies, or in general upon discussion of any matters affecting the conduct of such defense.

SECTION 14. When in the opinion of the council a serious scarcity of food, fuel, or other articles of common necessity exists or threatens by reason of actual war in which the country is engaged, or when in the opinion of the council unreasonable or excessive profits are being made through the manufacture or supply of necessities for common defense or public welfare, in time of actual war, the council shall advise the governor and he shall call a special session of the legislature to make provision for necessary supplies of food, fuel, and other articles of common necessity to be controlled by the state in quantities sufficient to prevent distress among the people, and to prevent and prohibit unreasonable or excessive profits through the manufacture or supply of necessities for common defense or public welfare.

SECTION 15. The council by itself and through its agents and employees shall have power to make full investigation as to all questions directly or indirectly relating to or bearing upon the purposes referred to in this act. It shall have power to subpoena witnesses and to require their testimony and to compel the production of account books and files and all papers and documents deemed relevant to any investigation or matter which may be under consideration by such council. In case of the refusal of any person to comply with any subpoena issued hereunder or to testify to any matter regarding which he may be interrogated, the circuit court of any county or the judge thereof, upon application of the council or any member thereof shall issue an order requiring such person to comply with such subpoena and

to testify, or either, and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

SECTION 16. All departments, bureaus, commissions, boards and institutions receiving public funds, all officers of the state or of any county or municipality therein, and all citizens shall cooperate with and give all such reasonable aid to the council as may be required by it.

SECTION 17. Unless it shall be otherwise determined and ordered by the governor, no information in the possession of the council, or in the possession of any one for it, shall be made public, but, unless so ordered, all such information shall be regarded as confidential; any member, officer, clerk, or employee or other person divulging or making known any information contrary to the provisions hereof, or in any manner aiding in divulging or making known such information, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than one month nor more than six months, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than two years.

SECTION 18. There are hereby appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, payable from moneys appropriated under subsection 2 of section 20.03. This fund shall be available in sums not greater than ten thousand dollars upon written approval by the governor. These funds shall be paid out and audited as all other moneys are paid out and audited. Private contributions shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be available for the council subject to voucher and audit as are state moneys.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 83

AN ACT to amend subsection 5 of section 1410b—2 of the statutes, relating to butter and cheese factory licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 5 of section 1410b—2 of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 1410b—2) 5. Licenses to operate a butter factory or cheese factory shall expire on the first day of January next following the date of issue but may be renewed without inspection on or before the first day of January of each year upon application of the licensee and upon payment