

Section \* \* \* 1252m. All taxes assessed for highway purposes by town supervisors shall be paid in money to the town treasurer at the time and in the manner other taxes are paid; the moneys received from such taxes shall be disbursed by said treasurer on warrants drawn by direction of the supervisors. \* \* \*

(53.01) (3) All process served within the precincts of the prison, either upon convicts or upon persons or officers employed therein, except the warden and deputy warden, shall be served and returned by the warden or deputy warden; and all officers and employes of the prison are exempt from military duty, and from serving on juries in any court. \* \* \*

SECTION 2. Section 911 and subdivision (1) of section 1239 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 3. Subdivisions (2) and (3) of section 1239 are renumbered to be subdivisions (1) and (2), respectively, of said section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 444.

AN ACT to create section 1636—12m of the statutes, relating to the regulation of private detective agencies, and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 1636—12m. 1. No person, copartnership, or corporation shall act as a private detective for hire or reward or engage in the business of private detective for hire or reward, or advertise such business to be that of private detective or that of conducting a detective agency, without having first obtained a license so to do, as hereinafter provided, from the secretary of state of the state of Wisconsin.

2. Any person, copartnership or corporation intending to act as a private detective for hire or reward or to conduct the business of private detective or detective agency or advertise said business shall present to the secretary of state and file in his office a written application duly signed and verified by such person in case of an individual for such license; and in case of a copartnership such application must be signed and verified by all of the individuals composing such copartnership; and

in case of a corporation such application shall be signed and verified by the president or secretary and manager of such corporation; and if such person, copartnership or corporation intends to establish an office in any city in this state such application must be approved in each instance by the fire and police commission of those cities having a fire and police commission, but in those cities where there is no fire and police commission by the chief of police of said city and, in addition thereto, by not less than five reputable citizens, freeholders of the county where the applicant or applicants propose to establish such office, all of which approvals shall be signed by the fire and police commission of those cities having a fire and police commission, and by the chiefs of police and freeholders in such cities where there is no fire and police commission and acknowledged before an officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments. Such application shall state the age, residence, present and previous occupation of such applicant or applicants and the name of the city where the principal place of business is, or is to be located, and such further facts as will show the good character, competency and integrity of such applicant or applicants.

3. The secretary of state, when satisfied from an examination of such applications and such further inquiry and investigation as he shall deem proper, of the good character, competency and integrity of such applicant or applicants, shall issue and deliver to such person, copartnership or corporation, a license, upon the applicant paying to the secretary of state, for the use of the state, a license fee of two hundred dollars. Such license shall not be issued by the secretary of state, unless there is executed, delivered and filed in his office a bond by such applicant or applicants, with two sureties, freeholders of the state, in the sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned that such applicant or applicants will faithfully and honestly act as private detective or detectives or faithfully and honestly conduct the business of private detectives and the business of detective agency, which bond, as to its form, manner of execution and sufficiency of the sureties must be approved by said secretary of state. Such bond shall be taken in the name of the state of Wisconsin, and any person injured by the wilful, malicious or wrongful act of the licensee may bring an action on said bond in his own name to recover damages suffered by reason of such wilful, malicious or wrongful act.

4. The license granted pursuant to this section shall be for the period of five years from the date of issue but may be revoked at any time by the secretary of state, for cause shown.

Such license shall authorize the person, copartnership or corporation to whom said license is issued and their agents, employes and representatives to act as private detectives for hire or reward in this state and to conduct the business of private detective and detective agencies for hire or reward in this state and if such person, copartnership or corporation has complied with the law so as to be entitled to establish an office or place of business in a city in this state, such license shall authorize such office to be established in such city, which city must be named in such license.

5. Any person, copartnership or corporation now acting as a private detective for hire or reward or now conducting the business of private detective or detective agency, or holding himself or themselves out to the public as conducting such business, shall procure a license, in accordance with the provisions of this section, on or before the first day of September, A. D. 1919.

6. This section shall not require any agents, employes or representatives of any person, copartnership or corporation which has a license under this section to take out a license, but such licensee shall be responsible for the good conduct of such agents, employes and representatives. This section shall not apply to any detective or officer belonging to the police force of the state or any county, city, town or village, appointed or elected according to law or to any officer, detective or watchman employed by railroad companies under the provisions of section 1861a.

7. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 27, 1919.