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**CHAPTER 153.**

AN ACT to amend section 4590 of the statutes to specifically include immoral moving pictures and films within its prohibitions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4590 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4590. 1. Any person who shall import, print, publish, exhibit, sell or distribute or give away any book or pamphlet, ballad, printed paper, *moving picture or film*, or other thing containing obscene language, prints, pictures, figures or descriptions manifestly tending to the corruption of the morals of youth, or shall introduce into any family, school or place of education, or shall buy, procure, receive or have in his possession any such book, pamphlet, ballad, \* \* \* printed paper, *moving picture or film*, or other thing, either for the purpose of loan, sale, exhibition or circulation or giving away, or with intent to introduce the same into any family, school or place of education shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars; and a search warrant may be issued by any justice of the peace, as in case of stolen or embezzled property, for search for any such obscene literature, matter or thing, and when found may be used in evidence and then destroyed by order of the court in which any case arising under this section shall be tried.

2. 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, courthouse, 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 out-buildings, 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.

3. Any person or persons, who shall put up, in any public place, any indecent, lewd or obscene pictures, *moving picture or film*, 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, *moving picture or film*, 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.

4. Any person who shall sell, lend, give away, or show, or shall have in his possession with intent to sell, give away, or show, or shall advertise or otherwise offer for loan, gift or distribution, any *moving picture or film*, book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or other printed paper devoted principally to the publication of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars.

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

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## CHAPTER 154.

AN ACT to amend section 3 of chapter 395, laws of 1903, relating to reporter of the county court for Dane county.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 395, laws of 1903 is amended to read: (Chapter 395, laws 1903) Section 3. The county judge may appoint a deputy clerk of said county court, whenever the business may require it. Such deputy clerk shall take a like oath and give a like bond in the sum of one thousand dollars as required by the register in probate and clerk, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the county judge. Such deputy clerk shall assist the register in probate and clerk in the perform-