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CHAPTER 475.

AN ACT to create subsection (25) of section 20.20 and section 29.571 of the statutes, relating to a state wild life refuge, fur farm and dam on the Horicon marsh, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 20.20 and a new section is added to the statutes to read: (20.20) (25) Annually, for ten years, beginning July 1, 1927, twenty-five thousand dollars for the purchase of land, the construction of buildings and equipment and the operation of the wild life refuge, game preserve and fur farm established on the Horicon marsh by section 29.571.

29.571 (1) A wild life refuge, game preserve and fur farm shall be established on the Horicon marsh in Dodge county under the supervision of the conservation commission.

(2) The conservation commission may, in its discretion, establish a fish hatchery in connection with such wild life refuge.

(3) The conservation commission shall purchase or acquire by condemnation proceedings the land known as the Horicon marsh, or as much thereof as it deems necessary, and may construct such buildings thereon and provide such equipment as is reasonably required to carry out the purposes of this section.

(4) The conservation commission is authorized to construct and maintain a dam or dams in or near the city of Horicon, to control and regulate the flood waters on Rock river and to restore the public waters of Rock river on Horicon marsh to the natural levels existing prior to the private drainage of the same.

(5) All proceeds derived from the fur farm on the Horicon marsh and all other income from said state property shall be paid, within one week after receipt, into the conservation fund of the state treasury.

(6) It is the intent of the legislature that the provisions of this section are severable and the holding of any provision hereof unconstitutional, shall not affect the remainder thereof.

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

Approved August 1, 1927.