

Resolution No. 4, A. may incur pursuant to said joint resolution, including expenses for necessary stenographic and other assistants.

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

Approved August 10, 1927.

No. 637, A.]

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CHAPTER 529.

AN ACT to create sections 89.75 and 20.605 of the statutes, relating to the building of dams and making an appropriation. *The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Two new sections are added to the statutes to read: 89.75 (1) Any drainage district, town or county may appropriate money for the purpose of erecting a dam over or across any drain or ditch constructed under chapters 88 or 89 of the statutes.

(2) The commissioner of agriculture shall be advised of the proposed appropriation by such district, town or county and he shall investigate the reasonable necessity therefor for agricultural purposes.

(3) If after such investigation said commissioner shall in writing certify to the secretary of state that in his judgment such improvement would be in aid of agriculture within the limits of such drainage district and shall also certify the amount which has been appropriated therefor by the district, town or county and upon such certification the district, town or county may proceed to construct such dam.

(4) Upon the completion of said dam the commissioner of agriculture shall so certify to the secretary of state and direct said secretary to draw his warrant on the state treasury in favor of such district, town or county for an amount equal to that which was appropriated by the district, town or county for the building of such dam.

20.605 There is appropriated to the department of agriculture from the drainage fund not to exceed ten thousand dollars each year for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section

89.75. There having been heretofore paid into the general fund from the proceeds of the swamp and overflowed land a sum of money in excess of the amount herein appropriated, the state treasurer is directed to transfer to the drainage fund from the general fund the sum of ten thousand dollars each year.

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

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No. 70, S.]

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CHAPTER 530.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate subsection (12) and to amend subsections (2), (3) and (10) of section 85.04 of the statutes, relating to certificates of title of motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (12) of section 85.04 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 85.04 of the statutes to be numbered and to read: (85.04) (12) (a) If ownership of the vehicle be transferred, the owner shall assign the certificate of resignation and title in writing. Within ten days thereafter, the transferee shall present such certificate to the secretary of state, who shall issue a new certificate. When ownership shall pass by judicial decree or sale, or by operation of law, the new owner shall be entitled to a certificate of title upon filing appropriate evidence thereof.

(b) If the identification number of a motor vehicle has been removed, obliterated or altered, or if the original casting has been replaced and the number on the original cannot be ascertained, the applicant for certificate of title shall so state and the secretary of state shall assign a number to be stamped upon the engine. Such numbers shall begin with 101, run consecutively, and be followed by the letters WIS. Such numbers shall be stamped upon the engine only under the supervision of a dealer, manufacturer or distributor, registered under section 85.05, a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or police officer, who shall report the same to the secretary of state. Upon the removal or replacement of the en-