

subsection shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars.

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

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CHAPTER 344.

AN ACT to create subsection (15) of section 59.08 of the statutes, relating to the regulation and control of dance halls, road houses and other places of amusement.

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 59.08 of the statutes to read: (59.08) (15) Exercise all the powers conferred by law on cities to regulate by ordinance, dance halls, road houses, and other places of amusement outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages. The powers hereby conferred shall be in addition to all grants, and shall be limited only by express language.

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

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CHAPTER 345.

AN ACT to renumber section 272.20 to be subsection (1) of said section, and to create subsection (2) of section 272.20 of the statutes, relating to homestead exemptions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 272.20 of the statutes is renumbered to be subsection (1) of said section.

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 272.20 of the statutes to read: (272.20) (2) Any owner of a homestead against whom a judgment has been rendered and docketed, and any heir, devisee or grantee of such owner, or any mortgagee of such home-

stead, may file with the circuit court a verified petition setting forth his ownership of or interest in such homestead and the fact that such homestead is less in value than the amount exempted by statute from execution and praying that the court declare such homestead to be exempt from the lien of such judgment. Petitioner shall also file a notice of lis pendens as in the foreclosure of mortgages. Such petition shall give a description of the premises claimed as a homestead, the assessed value thereof and the names and addresses of all persons holding judgments against the owner. Upon the filing of such petition the court shall set a time for the hearing thereof and shall order that notice be given to all persons interested in such manner and for such time as it may deem reasonable. Any interested person may contest the granting of such petition upon written answer to such petition, and the issue so joined shall be tried as an issue of fact for court. If upon trial of such issue, or if no answer shall have been made to such petition, and proof, satisfactory to the court, of the service of notice of hearing as hereinbefore provided, having been made and filed, it shall appear satisfactory to the court that the allegations of said petition are true, the court shall make an order so determining and that such homestead is not subject to the lien of said judgments. A certified copy of such order may be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such homestead is situated, and shall be conclusive for a period of one year from the date thereof, or until a sale of such homestead within one year from the date of such order, unless the same be vacated on appeal. Any person interested in the premises of such homestead or in such proceedings may appeal from such order to the supreme court within thirty days from the date thereof upon filing an undertaking in such amount as the court shall direct.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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