at or below a temperature of 80 degrees Fahrenheit, except in a single motor vehicle or semitrailer attached to a motor tractor, or to transport in any such motor vehicle or semitrailer any quantity of any such article exceeding 2,000 gallons, and any motor vehicle or semitrailer employed in the transportation of such articles shall be plainly marked so as to show that inflammable substances or liquids are being transported therein. This subsection shall not apply to transportation by the consumer of the liquids here referred to, as freight only, from the place of purchase to the place of consumption, provided such liquids are transported in drums or other containers having a capacity of not more than 100 gallons each, and provided further that the total amount of said liquids so transported in said drums or containers in any one vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed 500 gallons.

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

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## CHAPTER 77.

AN ACT to amend 316.01 (2) of the statutes, relating to duration of debt liens on real estate of decedents.

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

SECTION 1. Section 316.01 (2) is amended to read:

- (316.01) (2) No debt of or claim against any deceased person, which was not a lien upon \* \* \* his real estate \* \* \* before his death, shall be a lien upon or valid claim against any such real estate \* \* \* for the payment of which \* \* \* it can be sold by an executor or administrator after three years from the death of such decedent, \* \* \* except \* \* \* in the following cases:
- (a) When such claim is created or charged upon such real estate by \* \* \* a will.
- (b) When letters testamentary upon the will or of administration of the estate of such decedent \* \* \* issued in this state within such three years and such claim is duly presented to the county court \* \* \* which issued such letters \* \* \*.

(c) When delay in issuing \* \* \* letters is caused by an appeal from the county court which suspends the proceedings therein, the time of such delay shall not be counted as any part of said three years.

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

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## CHAPTER 78.

AN ACT to renumber 196.80 (4) and (5) to be 196.80 (5) and (6), respectively, and to create 196.80 (4) of the statutes, relating to consolidation of public utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 196.80 of the statutes are renumbered to be subsections (5) and (6), respectively, of said section 196.80.

SECTION 2. Subsection (4) of section 196.80 of the statutes is created to read:

- (196.80) (4) (a) No consolidation as authorized by subsection (1) of this section shall be effective unless a written plan of consolidation shall be approved by at least a two-thirds vote of each class of stock and each issue, series, or kind of preferred stock of each of the constituent companies at meetings of the stockholders of such respective constituent companies called for the purpose of acting upon the proposed plan on not less than 30 days' notice by mail to each stockholder at his last address appearing on the records of the corporation and on not less than 3 weeks' publication of notice of meeting in a general newspaper published in the cities in Wisconsin in which is located the principal office of the respective constituent corporations.
- (b) No such consolidation shall be effective unless the Public Service Commission shall find that the plan of consolidation is just and reasonable in its effect on stockholders and creditors of each of the constituent companies and is consistent with public interest. Notice of hearing on application for commission approval of a proposed plan of consolidation shall be given by publication for at least 3 weeks in a newspaper of