

No. 167, A.]

[Published April 15, 1943.

**CHAPTER 46.**

AN ACT to create 48.385 of the statutes, relating to the granting of foster home permits by county pension departments.

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

48.385 of the statutes is created to read:

48.385 SAME. COUNTIES MAY ISSUE. The county board of any county, except in counties of a population of 500,000 or more, may by resolution empower its pension department, or such officer or agency as is designated by law to administer the laws governing public assistance, to grant permits to foster homes within the county. A certified copy of the resolution shall be transmitted to the state department of public welfare and upon receipt thereof the said department may license such pension department officer or agency to issue permits to foster homes subject to the same standards, rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the state department of public welfare for private child welfare agencies under sections 48.35 to 48.39.

Approved April 14, 1943.

No. 58, S.]

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**CHAPTER 47.**

AN ACT to amend 176.06 (3) and (4) and to create 176.06 (6) of the statutes, relating to the closing hours of taverns in counties of a population of 500,000 or more.

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

SECTION 1. 176.06 (3) and (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

176.06 (3) If a retail "Class B" license, *in any county of a population of less than 500,000*, between 1 a. m. and 8 a. m.

(4) On any election day as provided in section 176.34, *except as provided in subsection (6) (d).*

SECTION 2. 176.06 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

176.06 (6) In any county having a population of 500,000 or more, if a retail "Class B" license, the closing hours, during

which no patron or guest shall be permitted to enter or remain in the licensed premises except as provided in paragraph (e), shall be as follows:

- (a) On Sunday, between 3:30 a. m. and 10 a. m.
- (b) On week days, between 2 a. m. and 6 a. m.
- (c) On January 1 of each year, no closing.
- (d) On any election day, during such hours as the polls may be open.

(e) Hotels and restaurants whose principal business is the furnishing of food or drinks, as prescribed in section 176.05 (10), or lodging to patrons shall be permitted to remain open for the conduct of their regular business but shall not be permitted to sell intoxicating liquors or any malt beverages during the hours prohibited in paragraphs (a), (b) and (d).

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## CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT to create 196.49 (4a) and 196.58 (6) of the statutes, relating to substitution of natural gas or mixtures of natural and manufactured gas for manufactured gas by public utilities.

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

SECTION 1. 196.49 (4a) of the statutes is created to read:

196.49 (4a) No public utility furnishing gas to the public in this state shall construct, install, or place in operation any new plant, equipment, property, or facility, or construct or install any extension, improvement, addition, or alteration to its existing plant, equipment, property, or facilities for the purpose of connecting its properties and system to a source of supply of gaseous fuel for sale to the public which is different from that which has been theretofore sold, or for the purpose of adapting its facilities to such different kind of gaseous fuel unless and until the commission shall have found and certified that the general public interest and public convenience and necessity requires the same; nor shall any such public utility substitute natural gas or a mixture of natural and manufactured gas in