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CHAPTER 550.

AN ACT to create 22.15 of the statutes, relating to aiding the war effort by prohibiting black market transactions in any commodity rationed by the federal government, and providing a penalty.

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

22.15 of the statutes is created to read:

22.15 ANTI-BLACK MARKET ACT; PENALTIES. (1) The state of Wisconsin recognizes that the proper allocation of any commodity needed for the defense of the United States or for civilian supply is necessary for the effective prosecution of the war, and is in the interest of national defense and security. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state to aid the federal government in assuring fair dealing in the supply of any rationed commodity by prohibiting black market transactions therein.

(2) Any person who, in the course of trade or business or for profit, sells or in any other way transfers a commodity rationed by any order or regulation which has been issued, or which may hereafter be issued, by the United States government or any agency thereof and is in effect on the effective date of this section, or which may hereafter become effective, without taking in exchange for the commodity the coupons, stamps, certificates, ration checks or other ration documents, if any, required by the order or regulation at the time of the sale or transfer, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both, for each offense.

(3) Any person who buys or in any other way acquires a commodity rationed by any order or regulation which has been issued, or may hereafter be issued, by the United States government or any agency thereof and is in effect on the effective date of this section, or which may hereafter become effective, from any person who sells or transfers the commodity in the course of trade or business or for profit, without giving in exchange for the commodity the coupons, stamps, certificates, ration checks or other ration documents, if any, required by the order or regulation at the time of the purchase or acquisition, shall be guilty

of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both, for each offense.

(4) Any person who, after purchasing or otherwise acquiring a coupon, stamp, certificate, ration check or other ration document in any way prohibited at that time by an order or regulation which has been issued, or may hereafter be issued, by the United States government or any agency thereof and in effect on the effective date of this section, or which may hereafter become effective, gives or attempts to give the document so acquired in exchange for a rationed commodity, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both, for each offense.

(5) If any subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this section, or the application thereof to transactions in any commodity, to any person or to any circumstances is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder of this section and the application of such subsection, sentence, clause or phrase to transactions in other commodities, to other persons and other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(6) This section may be cited as "The Anti-Black Market Act".

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CHAPTER 551.

AN ACT to amend 20.49 (1) (a), 20.51 (1), 20.55 (1) (a) and 20.57 (1) (a) of the statutes, relating to salaries of members of highway commission, public service commission, and industrial commission, and the salary of the commissioner of insurance, and making appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. 20.49 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
20.49 (1) (a) To each appointive member of the commission an annual salary of * * * \$6,500.