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CHAPTER 625

AN ACT to renumber and amend 84.03 (9a); and to amend 20.49 (6a) of the statutes, relating to roadside improvement and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.49 (6a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.49 (6a) ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT. Not to exceed * * * \$200,000 to be expended by the highway commission for * * * roadside improvement and for the purchase of land when necessary for * * * that purpose, pursuant to the provisions of s. * * * 84.04.

SECTION 2. 84.03 (9a) of the statutes is renumbered 84.04 and amended to read: 84.04 ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT. (1) *As used in this section:*

(a) "Roadside improvement" means the application of the principles of landscape architecture to highway planning, design, location, and construction.

(b) "Roadside" means that portion of the right of way not occupied by surface courses, curbs, paved gutters, or paved median strips or by other highway structures.

(c) "Wayside" means an area of land adjacent or in close proximity to the highway of not to exceed 5 acres, with facilities developed for the convenience, comfort, and enjoyment of the motoring public, these developments to include parking, sanitary, cooking, and picnicking facilities, together with any other facility or improvement which the commission deems desirable or necessary to accommodate travelers and provide convenient and safe access thereto by pedestrians and vehicles.

(d) "Overlook" means a graded terrace, often inclosed by a masonry retaining wall, located on roadside areas where favorable topographic conditions provide an exceptional view or off-scape from the road.

(e) "Windbreak hedge" means a narrow planting of trees or shrubs for protection against the drifting of snow or sand.

(f) "Turnout" means an informal surfaced or unsurfaced parking space for one or more cars or trucks, constructed at selected locations on roadsides in open country for purposes of rest and relaxation.

(2) The commission may * * * develop and maintain * * * waysides, overlooks, windbreak hedges, turnouts and carry on roadside improvement along, or in close proximity with state trunk highways. * * * These activities may be * * * performed within highway rights of way and upon lands otherwise publicly owned or controlled, or on lands acquired in proximity therewith. The commission may acquire lands needed for such purposes * * * * *.

(3) Funds appropriated by s. 20.49 (6a) shall be expended for the purposes set forth in this subsection, but nothing herein shall limit the commission's power to expend other funds which it is otherwise authorized to expend for similar purposes.

Vetoed and passed over veto, October 28, 1953.
