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CHAPTER 310.

AN ACT: Whereas, The governor in his annual message to the legislature has recommended an investigation into the result of the systems of prison labor adopted in other states; therefore, under the title of an act to appoint a non-salaried commission to inquire into and report concerning prison labor and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Within sixty days from the passage of this act, the governor shall appoint three citizens of the state, who shall be known as the "board of prison labor commissioners," and who shall serve without compensation, and whose duty it shall be to investigate as far as they deem necessary, during the years of 1897 and 1898, into the conditions under which state and other convicts in this and other states are being employed. They shall also inquire into the matter of supplies usually purchased for the institutions which are conducted wholly or in part at the expense of the state; also the principal items of expense in conducting the Wisconsin prisons, and it shall be the duty of the officers and managers of such institutions within the state, and also of the state board of control, to render all reasonable facilities and information to such commissioners in making such investigation and inquiry.

Prison labor commission to be appointed by the governor.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of said commissioners to report to the next session of the legislature, the substance of their investigation and inquiries, together with such recommendations and plans as they may deem proper to

Report to be made to the next legislature.

make, having in view the objects of this act as expressed in its preamble.

Actual expenses of commission to be paid. Appropriation \$1,500.

SECTION 3. The actual traveling and other necessary expenses incurred by such commission, shall be reimbursed by the state, and upon presentation of itemized sworn bills of such cash outlays to the secretary of state, it shall be his duty, if satisfied that they are correct, to draw his warrant on the treasury for the amount, and there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 311.

AN ACT to protect insurers from having their risks placed in unauthorized or unreliable insurance companies.

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

Personal liability in case of unreliable insurance companies.

SECTION 1. Any fire insurance company or agent for an authorized fire insurance company, soliciting or placing insurance in an unauthorized company, shall, in addition to prosecution for violation of the insurance laws, have its or his license to transact business in this state, as a company or agent, revoked by the commissioner of insurance, and any firm, corporation, association, person or agent placing insurance