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**CHAPTER 141.**

AN ACT relating to the professor of military science and tactics in colleges, university and other institutions in the state.

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

**To rank of colonel of infantry.** SECTION 1. The governor of the state may commission any retired United States army officer who holds the position of professor of military science and tactics in the state university, or at any seminary or college within this state maintaining military instruction and drill in its course of study, and having not less than one hundred students on its drill-roll at any one term, to the rank of colonel of infantry; said commission, however, shall not entitle such professor of military science and tactics to command in the state militia.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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**CHAPTER 142.**

AN ACT to prevent and punish the desecration of the flag of the United States.

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

**Prohibited words, or device, on flag; representations of flags.** SECTION 1. Any person who in any manner, for exhibition, or display, shall place, or cause to be placed, any words, or figures, or numbers, or marks, or inscriptions, or picture, or design, or device, or symbol, or token, or notice, or drawing, or any advertisement of any nature whatever, upon any flag, standard,

color, or ensign, of the United States, or shall expose or cause to be exposed to public view any such flag, standard, color, or ensign of the United States, upon which shall be printed, painted, or otherwise placed, or to which shall be attached, appended, affixed, or annexed, any words, or figures, or numbers, or marks or inscriptions, or pictures, or design, or device, or symbol, or token, or notice, or drawing, or any advertisement of any nature or kind whatever, or who shall expose to public view, or shall manufacture or sell, or expose for sale, or have in possession for sale, or for use, any article or thing, or substance, being an article of merchandise, or a receptacle of merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, or attached, or otherwise placed, a representation of any such flag, standard, color, or ensign, of the United States, to advertise, or call attention to, or to decorate, or to ornament, or to mark, or to distinguish the article, or thing, on which so placed, or shall publicly mutilate, trample upon, or publicly deface, or defy, or defile, or cast contempt, either by words or act, upon any such flag, standard, color, or ensign, of the United States shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Word flag defined.** SECTION 2. The words flag, standard, color, or ensign, of the United States as used in this act shall include any flag, any standard, any color, any ensign, or any representation, of a flag, standard, color, or ensign, or a picture of a flag, standard, color, or ensign, made of any substance whatever, or represented on any substance whatever, and of any size whatever, evidently purporting to be, either of, said flag standard, color, or ensign, of the United States, or a picture, or a representation, of either thereof, upon which shall be shown the colors, the stars and the stripes, in any number, of either thereof, or by which the person seeing the same, without deliberation may believe the same to represent the flag, or the colors, or the standard, or the ensign, of the United States of America.

**Exemptions.** SECTION 3. This act shall not apply to any act permitted by the statutes of the United States or by the United States army and navy regulations, nor shall this act be construed to apply to the regular issue of a newspaper or other periodical, on which shall be printed said flag disconnected from any advertisement.

**Penalty.** SECTION 4. Any person who shall violate any provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, with costs of prosecution,

and in default of payment of said fine and costs, shall be committed to the county jail not to exceed thirty days.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January first, 1902.

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## CHAPTER 143.

AN ACT to authorize cities to acquire light or water works and issue bonds therefor and amending chapter 348 of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1899 entitled An act to authorize cities and villages to acquire water works and issue bonds therefor.

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

### **Third and fourth class cities may buy light plants.** SECTION

1. Section 1 of chapter 348 of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1899 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "build" in the second line thereof the words "light or" and by inserting after the word "with" in the fourth line thereof the words "light or with," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: "Section 1. Cities of the third and fourth class are hereby authorized to purchase or build light or water works to supply such cities and the inhabitants thereof with light or with water for fire or domestic purposes or both."

### **Question to be submitted to electors; canvass of votes.** SECTION

2. Section 2 of chapter 348 of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1899 is hereby amended by inserting before the word "water" in the second, eighth, eleventh and thirteenth lines thereof the words "light or," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: "Section 2. Before proceeding with the purchase or building of such light or water works the common council of such city shall by resolution passed and signed in the same manner as other resolutions are passed and signed, submit at any municipal or special election to the electors of such city, the question of the purchase or building of such light