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CHAPTER 118.

AN ACT to amend section 1966—50 of the statutes, relating to risks which may be assumed by live stock companies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1966—50 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1966—50. Any number of persons, not less than six may, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, form a corporation for the purpose of insuring domestic animals against loss or damage by accident, theft or any contingent event whatever which may be the subject of insurance, * * * and may provide for furnishing the services of a veterinary surgeon to treat any animal upon which it may have assumed a risk; but no such corporation shall * * * assume a risk on any one animal exceeding one-twentieth of its actual paid up capital.

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

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CHAPTER 119.

AN ACT to amend section 1494—57 of the statutes, making provisions for all engines operated in, through, or near forest or brush land.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1494—57 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1494—57. 1. It shall be unlawful for any logging locomotive, donkey or threshing engine, railway locomotive, and all other engines, boilers, and locomotives, operated in, through, or near forest, brush, or grass land, which do not burn oil as fuel, to be operated without a netting of steel or iron wires so constructed as to give the most practicable protection against the escape of sparks, cinders, or fire from the smoke stacks thereof, and each such engine shall be provided with adequate devices to prevent the escape of fire from ash-pans and fire-boxes.

2. Every * * * corporation maintaining and operating a railway shall, at least once in each year, as far as practicable,

cut and burn or remove from its right of way all grass and weeds and burn or remove therefrom all brush, logs, refuse material, and debris within a reasonable time, and whenever fires are set for such purpose, shall take proper care to prevent the escape thereof from the right of way.

3. No * * * *such corporation* shall permit its employes to deposit fire, live coals, or ashes upon their tracks outside of the yard limits, except they be immediately extinguished.

4. Engineers, conductors, or trainmen who discover that fences or other material along the right of way or on lands adjacent to the railroad are burning or in danger from fire, shall report the same to the agent or person in charge at their next stopping place at which there shall be a telegraph station. * * * *Corporations maintaining and operating rail-ways* shall give particular instructions to their section employes for the prevention and prompt extinguishment of fires, cause notices, which shall be furnished by the state * * * *forester*, to be posted at their stations, and when a fire occurs along the line of their road, or on lands adjacent thereto, for which fire they are responsible, they shall concentrate such help and adopt such measures as shall most effectually arrest its progress.

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5. *All such corporations, during a dangerously dry season, and when so directed by the state board of forestry, shall provide fire patrols for duty along their tracks. During such dangerously dry time such patrols shall go over each section at least once each day, and report promptly to each section foreman any fire discovered by them on that section.*

6. *The state board of forestry is authorized to inspect any locomotive, donkey or threshing engine, railway locomotive, and all other engines, boilers, and locomotives operated in, through, or near forest, brush, or grass land and to enter upon any property for such purpose, or where they may deem it necessary in order to see that all the provisions of this act are duly complied with.*

7. Any person wilfully failing to comply with the requirements of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any corporation by its officers, agents, or employes, *wilfully violating the provisions of this section, shall be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than*

five hundred dollars for each and every such violation, to be collected in a civil action in the name of the state.

SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 120.

AN ACT to amend subsection 6 of section 1946x, section 1950q and section 1952d of the statutes, relating to life insurance.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 6 of section 1946x of the statutes is amended to read: 6. The "expense charge," for any policy year is the excess of the stipulated premium for such policy year and the terminal reserve of the preceding policy year over the sum of the mortality charges and deposit for such policy year. * * *

SECTION 2. Section 1950q of the statutes, is amended to read: Section 1950q. No company mentioned in section 1950n shall in any calendar year, on account of any policy, make or incur any expense or permit any expense to be made or incurred on its behalf or under any agreement with it * * * for commissions and advances to agents, greater than the expense charge becoming available on such policy in such calendar year.

SECTION 3. Section 1952d of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1952d. Not less than thirty nor more than sixty days prior to the date of distribution of the dividend on any policy in any year after the year 1907, every company having in force in this state any policy within the provisions of section 1952b shall mail to the insured named in each policy, at his last known postoffice address, a statement of the apportionment of surplus to such insured according to the last dividend ascertainment, which statement shall be in the following form:

Annual Statement of Dividend Apportionment for 19...
 On Policy No..... Name.....
 Mortality table.....
 Interest basis..... per cent.