

person who, wilfully with intent to cheat or defraud the buyer or seller of electric current, gas, \* \* \* water or steam shall make or cause to be made or aid in the making of any electrical conductor, gas pipe, water pipe, steam pipe or other instrument or contrivance or any connection, so as to conduct or supply or intended to conduct or supply electric current, gas, \* \* \* water or steam to any lamp or motor or machine or burner or orifice or appliance from which such electricity, gas, \* \* \* water or steam may be consumed or utilized without passing through or being registered by a meter, or any person who shall wilfully use a false meter for the measurement of electric current, gas, \* \* \* water or steam in the buying or selling of the same, or who shall wilfully obstruct or interfere with the working of any meter used for such purposes, so as to cause or be intended to cause a false registration of the amount of electric current, water, \* \* \* gas or steam, consumed with the intent to cheat or defraud the seller or buyer of such electric current, gas, \* \* \* water or steam, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars; but in case the amount of damages occasioned by such cheat or fraud shall not exceed twenty dollars he shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and in computing the amount of damages occasioned, the value of such electric current, water, gas or steam shall be the regular current price therefor, charged to the consumer by the seller thereof.

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

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## CHAPTER 169.

AN ACT to create section 1806m of the statutes, providing for the use of caboose cars on freight trains and regulating the construction and size thereof.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1806m. 1. On and after July 1st, 1910, it shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or company, operating any railroad or railway in the state of Wisconsin to require or permit the use of any caboose cars unless said caboose cars shall

be equipped with at least two regulation four-wheeled trucks, except on trains used exclusively for hauling logs.

2. Any person, corporation or company operating any railroad or railway in the state of Wisconsin violating any of the provisions of section 1 of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

3. It shall be the duty of the railroad commission of Wisconsin to enforce this act.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

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## CHAPTER 170.

AN ACT to amend subsection 2 of section 1240 of the statutes, relating to highway taxes.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 2 of section 1240 of the statutes, is amended to read: (Section 1240) 2. The residue of the highway taxes, to an amount of not less than one nor more than seven mills on the dollar, shall be assessed on the valuation of the real and personal property in each town or superintendent district; provided, that in addition to such amount there may be assessed any additional amount which shall have been authorized by the last preceding annual town meeting, not exceeding fifteen mills on the dollar of such valuation; provided further, that no town containing less than five hundred inhabitants shall levy or collect in any year a highway tax of more than two thousand dollars, including the amount voted by any town meeting and the amount levied by the supervisors, and that no town containing two congressional townships or more shall levy or collect a highway tax, exclusive of that first authorized herein, of more than \* \* \* *three* thousand dollars in any year.

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

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