

teen and sixteen, living within two miles of the school of any town, or within the corporate limits of any city or village and not physically incapacitated, who is not required by section 439a to attend some public, private or parochial school, and who is not attending a free high school or equivalent of a high school, must either attend some public, private, or parochial school, or attend for at least five hours a week for six months, or four hours a week for eight months, an industrial, continuation, or commercial school, provided such school, or schools, are maintained according to the provisions of sections 553p—1 to 553p—9, inclusive, in the town, village or city in which his parents or guardians reside. This section shall apply only to persons between the ages of fourteen and sixteen living in towns, villages and cities maintaining schools as provided in sections 553p—1 to 553p—9, inclusive, of the statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 267.

AN ACT to create section 1747—150 of the statutes, relating to the bonding of persons, firms or corporations who are engaged in the business of collecting or receiving money for others, and providing a penalty.

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 1747—150. 1. No person, firm, association or corporation shall conduct a collection agency, collection bureau or collection office in this state, or engage in this state in the business of collecting or receiving payment for others of any account, bill or other indebtedness, or engage in this state in the business of soliciting the right to collect or receive payment for another of any account, bill or other indebtedness, or advertise for or solicit in print the right to collect or receive payment for another of any account, bill or other indebtedness, unless, at the time of conducting such collection agency, collection bureau, collection office or collection business, or of doing such advertising or soliciting, such person, partnership, association or corporation, or the person, partnership, association or corporation for whom he or it may be acting as agent, shall have on file with the secretary of state a good and sufficient bond as hereinafter specified.

2. Said bond shall be in the sum of five thousand dollars and shall provide that the person, partnership, association or corporation giving the same shall, upon written demand, pay and turn over to or for the person, partnership, association or corporation for whom any account, bill or other indebtedness is taken for collection the proceeds of such collection in accordance with the terms of the agreement upon which such amount, bill or other indebtedness was received for collection. Said bond shall be in such form as the attorney-general shall prescribe.

3. Said bond shall be for the term of one year from the date thereof, unless the secretary of state and the person, partnership, association or corporation giving the same shall agree on a longer period. No action on said bond shall be begun after two years from the expiration of the bond.

4. Said bond shall be executed by said persons, partnerships, associations or corporations as principal, with at least two good and sufficient sureties who shall be residents and owners of real estate within the state. The bond shall not be accepted unless approved by the secretary of state, and upon such approval it shall be filed in his office. The bond of a surety company may be received if approved as aforesaid; or cash may be accepted in lieu of sureties.

5. The secretary of state shall keep a record of the bonds filed with him under the provisions hereof, with the names, places of residence and places of business of the principals and sureties, and the name of the officers before whom the bond was executed or acknowledged; and the record shall be open to public inspection.

6. This section shall not apply to any attorney at law duly authorized to practice in this state and resident herein, to a national bank, to any bank or trust company duly incorporated under the laws of this state, or to professional men's associations, the members of which are required by law to have a license, diploma or permit to practice or follow their profession, or to any person, firm or corporation not conducting or maintaining an office for the purpose of engaging principally in the business of collecting or receiving payment for another of any account, bill or other indebtedness.

7. Any association or federation of business men's associations in this state, duly incorporated under the laws of this state, whose membership is composed of business men's associations in various localities in this state through a system of federation, may file one bond of five thousand dollars as provided in this section, in behalf of all its branch organizations that main-

tain and operate a collection department in the interest of members only, and that any of such branch organizations will not be required by this section to be further bonded.

8. Any person, member of a partnership or officer of an association or corporation who fails to comply with any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT to amend section 4549 of the statutes, relating to official malfeasance.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4549 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4549. Any officer, agent or clerk of the state or of any county, * * * school district, school board or city * * * therein, or in the employment thereof, or any member of any town board or village board, or any officer, regent, treasurer, secretary, superintendent, clerk or agent of any penal, correctional, educational or charitable institution instituted by or in pursuance of law within this state, or any member of any body or board having charge or supervision of such institution who shall have, reserve or acquire any pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, present or prospective, absolute or conditional, in any way or manner, in any purchase or sale of any personal or real property or thing in action, or in any contract, proposal or bid in relation to the same, or in relation to any public service, or in any tax sale, tax title, bill of sale, deed, mortgage, certificate, account, order, warrant or receipt made by, to or with him in his official capacity or employment, or in any public or official service, or who shall make any contract or pledge, or contract any indebtedness or liability, or do any other act in his official capacity or in any public or official service not authorized or required by law, or who shall make any false statement, certificate, report, return or entry in any book of accounts or of records in respect to anything done or required to be done by him officially,