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CHAPTER 602.

AN ACT making an appropriation to defray expenses of the committee appointed pursuant to Resolution No. 48, A.

WHEREAS, The committee heretofore appointed pursuant to resolution No. 48, A., to investigate certain specific charges against members of the assembly with reference to the passage of bill No. 464, S., has completed its work and made report as required, and has pursuant to the duties imposed and authority conferred by said resolution incurred expenses for the payment of which no appropriation has been made; therefore

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four dollars and eighty-eight cents to J. B. Heim; seven dollars and three cents to Fred Hess; three dollars and twenty-eight cents to William A. Schroeder, to reimburse them as members of the committee appointed pursuant to resolution No. 48, A., for expenses incurred, and six dollars and eighty cents to William Buelow for services, and ten dollars and four cents to Roy E. Gordon for expenses incurred by him for said committee.

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

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No. 566, S.]

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CHAPTER 603.

AN ACT to amend subsections 3 and 4 of section 1946n and subsection 1 of section 51.31 of the statutes, to place the collection of taxes from fire insurance companies, for the purpose of the state, and the state fire marshal department on the same basis.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 1946n, and subsection 1 of section 51.31 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 1946n) 3. For the purpose of maintaining the department of state fire marshal and paying all the expenses incident thereto, * * * *there is hereby set apart from the tax collected under sections 51.31 and 1915m three-eighths of one per centum on the premiums upon which such taxes are paid. The money so received shall be set aside as a special fund for the maintenance of such office of state fire marshal*

and the expenses incident thereto. The salaries and expenses incident to the maintenance of the state fire marshal department shall be payable only from the special fund provided therefor.

4. * * *

(Section 51.31) (1) Every company transacting the business of insurance against fire or by the risk of inland navigation or transportation, *other than companies excepted under subsection 2 hereof*, shall pay to the state on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year, a tax of two *and three-eighths* per centum on the amount of the gross premiums received for direct insurance, less return premiums and cancellations on direct insurance, by such company during the preceding year, in this state. Direct insurance shall include all insurance other than reinsurance. In case any company shall discontinue business in this state and reinsure the whole or a part of its risks without making payment of this tax, the company accepting such reinsurance shall pay the tax; and if several companies shall make such reinsurance the tax shall be apportioned between such companies in proportion to the original premiums upon the business, in this state, so reinsured by each such company. Upon the payment of the tax herein provided, such company may be licensed to transact its business until the last day of January in the ensuing year, unless sooner revoked or forfeited according to law.

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

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CHAPTER 604.

AN ACT to repeal expressly certain sections of the statutes that have been either superseded or repealed by implication; to repeal certain sections of the statutes that are duplicates of other sections; to repeal certain sections of the statutes and certain session laws that have been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court; to strike out and remove obsolete or dead matter from certain sections of the statutes; to correct typographical errors and misprints in certain sections of the statutes; to correct other errors and to renumber and relocate certain sections of the statutes that have been improperly classified.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of the statutes is amended as follows: By striking from section 20.04 thereof the words: "and for the