

SECTION 5. A new subsection is added to section 1317m—13, of the statutes, to read: (Section 1317m—13) 6. On and after July 1, 1917, if the electors of any town shall vote to issue bonds under the provisions of this section, the proceeds of such bond issue shall not be available to obtain state aid, and the county board of any county shall not allot any portion of the state highway aid hereafter allotted to the county to any town on account of such bond issue. The county board may determine to issue county bonds in an amount equal to the amount of the bond issue by the town, in general accordance with the provisions of section 1317m—12, and unless a county board shall so determine any action of a town in voting bonds under the provisions of this section shall be null and void, and the town board shall not issue or cause to be sold any bonds authorized by the electors of the town.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 501

AN ACT to repeal subsection 4 of section 1946i and subsections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section 1946l, to amend subsection 4 of section 1926, the first paragraph of subsection (4) of section 20.55, and subsection 6 of section 1978d, and to create subsection (9) of section 20.57, subdivisions (5a) and (5b) of section 2394—52 and section 2394—71 of the statutes, relating to the transfer of fire prevention functions from the department of the commissioner of insurance to the industrial commission, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 4 of section 1946i and subsections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section 1946l are repealed.

SECTION 2. Subsection 4 of section 1926, the first paragraph of subsection (4) of section 20.55, and subsection 6 of section 1978d of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 1926) 4. No city, village or town shall be paid any fire department dues for any year unless the * * * *industrial commission* shall have certified to the commissioner of insurance that the requirements of section 1946i have been complied with as to such city, village or town, and any fire department dues paid into the state treasury for any city, village or town not entitled to receive the

same may be expended by the * * * *industrial commission* for making the necessary inspections within any such city, village or town. In any case where such fire department dues shall be withheld from any city, village or town where, under the statutes, the same shall be payable into any firemen's pension fund or other special funds for the benefit of disabled or superannuated firemen, an amount equal to the fire department dues so withheld shall be paid into such pension fund from any fund of such city, village or town available therefor, and if no such fund be so available, the same shall be included in and paid out of the next taxes levied and collected for *any* such city, village or town.

(20.55) (4) Annually, to be set apart from the tax collected under sections 51.31 and 1915m, three-eighths of one per centum on the premiums on which such taxes are paid, for the execution of the functions of the commissioner of insurance as ex officio state fire marshal *and including the sum transferred to the industrial commission under subsection (9) of section 20.57*; but if said fund shall be materially in excess of or materially less than the cost of maintaining the said department, including legal expenses of all kinds in arson cases, *and the sum transferred to the industrial commission under subsection (9) of section 20.57*, the said commissioner shall recommend to the legislature such change in the provisions for said fund as will, in his judgment, correct such discrepancy between the amount thereof and said costs and expenses after allowing for any deficit incurred. Of this * * * there is allotted:

(Section 1978d) 6. For carrying out the provisions of sections 1978a, 1978b, 1978c, and this section, the commissioner, with the approval of the governor, may employ such assistants as necessary, and fix their compensation, which compensation, together with the expenses of such assistants and of the commissioner and his employes, shall be paid out of the state insurance fund on the certificate of the commissioner, audited by the secretary of state. * * *

SECTION 3. There is added to section 20.57 a new subsection, to section 2394—52 two new subdivisions and to the statutes a new section to read: (20.57) (9) Annually, beginning July 1, 1917, four thousand five hundred dollars payable from the funds set apart under subsection (4) of section 20.55 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of subdivisions (5a) and (5b) of section 2394—52.

(Section 2394—52) (5a) To make reasonable orders for the repair or removal of any building or other structure which for

want of repair or by reason of age or dilapidated condition or for any other cause is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other buildings or property and for the repair or removal of any combustible or explosive material or inflammable conditions, dangerous to the safety of any building or premises or the occupants thereof or endangering or hindering firemen in case of fire.

(5b) The industrial commission and its deputies shall have the right at all reasonable hours to enter into and upon all buildings, premises and public thoroughfares excepting only the interior of private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any condition liable to cause fire, or any violation of any law or order relating to the fire hazard or to the prevention of fire. Any employe of the department of the state fire marshal who may be on July 1, 1917, engaged in fire prevention inspection shall be eligible to appointment as a deputy for similar work by the industrial commission.

Section 2394—71. 1. The chief of the fire department in every city, village or town, is hereby constituted a deputy of the industrial commission, subject to the right of the industrial commission to relieve any such chief of a fire department from his duties as such deputy for cause, and upon such suspension to appoint some other person to perform the duty imposed upon such deputy of the industrial commission.

2. Such chief of the fire department is required, by himself or by officers or members of his fire department designated by him for that purpose, to inspect all buildings, premises, and public thoroughfares, except the interiors of private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violations of any law or ordinance relating to the fire hazard or to the prevention of fires.

3. Such inspection shall be made at least once in six months in all of the territory served by such fire department, and not less than once in three months in such territory as the common council shall have designated or shall thereafter designate as within the fire limits or as a congested district subject to conflagration, and oftener as the chief of the fire department may order. Each six months' period shall begin on the first day of January and July, and each three months' period on the first day of January, April, July and October, of each year.

4. The chiefs of fire departments in every city of the first,

second and third classes shall designate a sufficient number of men as inspectors to carry out the provisions of this section.

5. Written reports of inspection shall be made and kept on file in the office of the chief of the fire department in the manner and form required by the industrial commission.

6. Such inspection shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the industrial commission, which shall upon examination certify to the commissioner of insurance after the expiration of each calendar year each such city, village or town where the inspections for such year have been made, and records thereof have been made and kept on file as required by law.

7. A copy of any report showing a change in the hazard from the survey, or any violation of law or ordinance relating to the fire hazard upon any risk shall be given by the industrial commission to any inspection bureau making written request therefor.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1917.

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CHAPTER 502

AN ACT to amend subsections (3) and (4) of section 62.47 of the statutes, relating to the payment of bounties on wolves, wildcats and lynxes or any other animal for the killing of which a bounty is provided by law.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 62.47 of the statutes are amended to read: (62.47) (3) Thereupon such claimant shall * * * take and subscribe before the * * * *chairman of the town, who is hereby authorized to administer the same,* the following oath:

STATE OF WISCONSIN, }
County of ----- } ss.

I,-----, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the scalp produced by me is the scalp of a ----- taken and killed by me in the town of ----- in said county on the ----- day of -----19-----; that I made and delivered to the chairman of said town the statement required by law, and exhibited to him the carcass of such-----; that the certificate of said