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**CHAPTER 31.**

AN ACT to amend 40.90 of the statutes, relating to diplomas and credits for senior students entering military service.

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

40.90 of the statutes is amended to read:

40.90 Any senior student of a high school in this state, who, during the school year *and prior to April 1, 1947* entered any branch of the military or naval service of the United States and who would have graduated during such school year, shall be granted a diploma of graduation from such school. Such diploma shall have all the rights and privileges of diplomas regularly granted to graduates of such school. Any senior student of a county rural normal school or teachers college in this state who entered during the school year *and prior to April 1, 1947* any branch of the military or naval service of the United States shall be given credit for the first semester's work for such school year to the same extent as though he had successfully completed such work.

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**CHAPTER 32.**

AN ACT to amend 70.423 (1) and (2) and to create 94.765 of the statutes, relating to the occupational tax on beekeepers and providing payment of indemnity to owners of bees infected with American foulbrood.

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

SECTION 1. 70.423 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

70.423 (1) There is imposed an annual occupational tax on every person, firm or corporation owning one or more colonies of bees of 25 cents for the first colony and 10 cents for each colony in excess of one, *in his possession or under his control*. A colony of bees shall consist of live queen or queen cell or

*cells, brood and adult bees, along with bottom board, cover, and one or more hive bodies with not less than 8 frames of comb.* Bees and all bee equipment shall be exempt from all property taxes.

(2) The occupational tax herein provided for shall be assessed to the owner or person in possession of such bees by the assessor. He shall enter on the assessment roll the name of the person to whom assessed and the number of colonies. The clerk of the taxation district shall compute the tax and enter it on the tax roll. Such tax shall be collected in the same manner as taxes on personal property are collected. Fifty per cent of the tax shall be retained by the taxation district in which the bees are kept, and the balance shall be accounted for and paid to the state treasurer, in the same manner as state taxes on property are paid. The moneys so collected or which have been collected which are returned to the state treasurer shall be used by the state department of agriculture for the regulation and inspection of apiaries, *and the payment of indemnity as provided in section 94.765.*

SECTION 2. 94.765 of the statutes is created to read:

94.765 INDEMNITY FOR BEE COLONIES DESTROYED; EXCEPTIONS. (1) From the funds paid to the state treasurer required under section 70.423, there may be paid to the owner, upon certification of the department, an indemnity of \$3 per colony for each colony of bees found infected with American foulbrood and destroyed on the order and under the supervision of the department. A colony of bees shall consist of live queen or queen cell or cells, brood and adult bees, along with bottom board, cover, and one or more hive bodies with not less than 8 frames of comb.

(2) No indemnity shall be paid under this section for the following:

(a) Bees owned by the United States, this state, or any county, city, town or village.

(b) Bees brought into this state contrary to any provision of law.

(c) Bees afflicted with contagious or infectious disease when acquired by the owner if the owner knew or had reason to suspect such affliction at the time he acquired them.

(d) Bees diseased at the time of arrival in this state.

- (e) Bees which the owner has negligently or wilfully exposed to contagious or infectious disease by exposing combs or any other method of spreading infection.
- (f) Bees brought into the state and found infected within 3 weeks of the time of importation.
- (g) When the infected premises have not been disinfected to the satisfaction of the department in such manner as to prevent further spread of the disease.
- (h) Bees acquired less than 14 days prior to the inspection which disclosed the disease.
- (i) When the owner, after receiving a prior indemnity, has introduced into his apiary any American foulbrood contrary to law or the regulations of the department, or has failed to comply with any department regulation governing control and eradication of bee disease.
- (j) For any colony which shall have been entered or tampered with in any manner in the absence of a department inspector between the time of inspection and the destruction thereof.
- (k) Unless he shall have paid the occupational tax upon the apiaries in which the diseased colonies are found.
- (l) For any colonies in immovable hives or equipment.
- (m) When the owner has failed to comply with the written instructions of the department or its deputy regarding the clean-up or treatment of such apiary or apiaries.

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### CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT to create 21.19 (2) of the statutes, relating to power of the adjutant general and leasing state owned lands.

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

21.19 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

21.19 (2) The adjutant general on behalf of the state may lease to Juneau county lands, buildings and facilities at Camp Williams when not required for use by the Wisconsin National Guard, and may lease or rent other state owned lands,