

Senate Bill 265

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## CHAPTER 403

AN ACT to amend 60.29 (18) (a) and to create 941.20 (1) (d) of the statutes, relating to firearms safety.

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

SECTION 1. 60.29 (18) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.29 (18) FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE LIMITS, EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, FIRE WARDEN. (a) To establish ~~a fire department~~ or fire departments in any town or any part of the town, or join the town or a part thereof with a neighboring town, group of towns, parts of towns, cities or villages in establishing ~~a joint fire department~~ or joint fire departments, and to join the town or a part thereof with a group of towns, parts of towns, cities or villages in the joint acquisition and ownership of fire fighting equipment and to appropriate the proportionate share of ~~such~~ the town or ~~part~~ or parts of a town of the cost of purchasing and maintaining

such equipment, when authorized by resolution adopted at any town meeting; to appoint the officers and members thereof, and prescribe and regulate their duties; to provide such compensation for the members of the fire department or departments as the town board may determine determines; to purchase workmen's compensation insurance covering such firemen; to provide protection from fire by the purchase, use and maintenance of fire engines and other necessary apparatus for the extinguishment of fire and by the erection and construction of cisterns and reservoirs; to erect fire engine houses; to enter into agreements with any town, group of towns, part of a town, city or village in which a fire department is established, or with any fire association, corporation or individual for the maintaining, housing and manning of the fire fighting equipment of such fire department or fire departments; and to levy tax upon all real and personal property in the town, or that part of the town receiving protection from such the contract, or equipment or jointly owned equipment for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining or manning the same; to compel the inhabitants of the town to aid in the extinguishment of fire, and to pull down and raze such buildings in the vicinity of fire as shall be directed by them or any 2 of them who may be at the fire, for the purpose of preventing its communication to other buildings; to establish fire limits or the limits within which wooden or other combustible buildings shall not be erected; to require the owners or occupants of buildings to provide and keep suitable ladders and fire buckets which shall be appurtenances to the realty and exempted from seizure and forced sale; and after reasonable notice to such the owner or occupant and refusal or neglect by him to procure and deliver the same to him, and in default of payment therefor, to levy the cost thereof as a special tax upon such real estate, to be assessed and collected as other taxes in such town; to regulate the storage of gun powder and other dangerous materials; to require the construction of safe places for the deposit of ashes; to regulate the manner of putting up stove pipes and the construction and cleaning of chimneys; to prevent bonfires and the use of fireworks, and firearms in the town or any part thereof; to authorize fire wardens, at all reasonable times, to enter and examine all dwelling houses, lots, yards, inclosures and buildings of every description in order to discover whether any of them are in a dangerous condition and to cause such as may be dangerous to be put in safe condition.

SECTION 2. 941.20 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

941.20 (1) (d) While on the lands of another discharges a firearm within 100 yards of any building devoted to human occupancy situated on and attached to the lands of another without the express permission of the owner or occupant of the building. "Building" as used in this paragraph does not include any house trailer, mobile home, tent, bus, truck, vehicle or similar portable unit.

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