

giving or answering of signals by a vessel required to keep her course shall not vary the duties and obligations of the respective vessels.

SECTION 4. Any owner, pilot, employe or other person or persons, violating any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not to exceed ten dollars for each and every violation; and the owner or owners of such vessel shall be liable to any person or persons for all damage caused by such violation.

Penalty for violating any of the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 220.

AN ACT to amend section 1, of chapter 206, of the laws of 1895, entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation of societies organized for the purpose of securing homes for orphans or abandoned, neglected or grossly ill-treated children, by adoption or otherwise, and providing rules for the regulation of the same."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, of chapter 206, of the laws of 1895, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Any corporation heretofore organized, or which shall be hereafter organized under the provisions of chapter 86, of the revised

Relating to securing homes for orphans or abandoned children; rules provided for the regulation of the same.

statutes of 1878, entitled, "of the organization of corporations," for the purpose of seeking out, receiving and procuring homes in private families for orphans or for homeless, abandoned, neglected or grossly ill-treated children, shall have the power to receive into its charge and under its control, by commitment or otherwise, and may become the legal guardian of any child under fifteen years of age, residing and being in the state of Wisconsin who shall be grossly ill-treated by any person or persons having or exercising control over it, or shall have been abandoned, or who shall be without a home, or who shall be surrounded by bad or immoral influences, or who shall be dependent, or whose living parent or parents, by an instrument in writing, shall assign and commit such child to the care and custody of such corporation; and all courts, judges, justices of the peace, superintendents of the poor, supervisors and other officers authorized by law to commit dependent or neglected children to industrial schools, asylums, the state public school for dependent children, or other institutions for the care of dependent children, are hereby authorized and empowered to commit any such child or children to such corporation; and such corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to procure suitable and proper homes for any and all such children, and to give away by adoption or place in families upon written contracts, any and all such children during their minority; and such corporation is hereby constituted the legal guardian of all children committed to or received by it, and is hereby authorized and empowered, through its duly authorized officers, to consent in the courts of this state, to the adoption of any such child by any person or persons, pursuant to the provisions of law, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as such consent could be given by the parent or parents of such child. Such corporation shall have the power and authority to enter into a written contract with any

person or persons who shall take or receive any such child from such corporation otherwise than by adoption; and such contract shall provide for the proper care, education and maintenance of such child during his minority, and shall specify the amount to be paid to such child at the expiration of the period of such contract; provided, however, that in no case shall such contract contain any provision of a sectarian or political nature regarding the care, custody or education of any such child."

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 221.

AN ACT to require license for the hunting of deer.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to pursue, hunt or kill deer in the state of Wisconsin at any time without being at the time of such pursuing, hunting or killing of deer, in possession of a license duly issued to him in accordance with the provisions of said act. Any person who shall pursue, hunt or kill deer without being at the time of such pursuing, hunting or killing, in possession of a license duly issued to him in accordance with the provisions of this act, which license shall

License required to hunt or kill deer.