

ceive and demand and receive payments for ferryage each way upon said ferry according to the following rates, to-wit: For each foot passenger, ten cents; for each team of two horses, mules or oxen, loaded or unloaded with or without a driver, fifty cents if with a vehicle, and forty cents if without a vehicle; for each single horse, mule or ox with a vehicle with or without a driver twenty-five cents; for each ox, mule, horse or ass without a vehicle, twenty cents; for cattle single, fifteen cents each; for ten or more cattle, twelve cents each; for each single sheep or other animal not above specified, five cents.

SECTION 4. The legislature hereby reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal this act at any future time.

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

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## CHAPTER 32.

AN ACT to amend section 1926 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898, relating to the tax on insurance premiums.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1926 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "state" where it appears in the fifth line from the end of said section the words "or in any company authorized to do business in this state but through agents or persons not residing in such city, village or town, and who has

Fire insurance companies to pay duty of 2 per cent. for maintenance of organized fire department.

Agent to give bonds to treasurer to establish eligibility to effect insurance.

not complied with the provisions of this section in regard to filing bond" so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 1926.. There shall be paid on the first day of February in each year to the treasurer of any city or village or town containing an unincorporated village, having or maintaining a regularly organized fire department, as hereinafter provided, for the support and maintenance of such fire department, by every underwriter who shall effect any fire insurance and by every person who shall act as agent for any fire insurance corporation or underwriter in such city, village or town a duty of two per centum upon the amount of all premiums which, during the year or part of a year ending on the next preceding first day of January, shall have been received by such underwriter or agent or by any other person for him, or shall have been agreed to be paid for any insurance effected or agreed to be effected or promised by him as such agent or otherwise, against loss or injury by fire in any such city or village, or town containing an unincorporated village. And no person shall, in any such city, village or town, as underwriter, agent or otherwise, effect or agree to effect, or procure to be effected any insurance upon which the above duty is required to be paid until he shall have executed and delivered to such treasurer a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with such sureties as such treasurer shall approve, conditioned that he will render to such treasurer on the first day of each February a just and true account, verified by his affidavit, of all premiums which, during the year ending on the first day of January preceding such report, shall have been received by him or any other person for him, or agreed to be paid for any insurance against loss or injury by fire in any such city, village or town which shall have been effected or agreed to be effected by him, and that he will, on the first day of each February, pay to the said treasurer two per centum upon the full amount of such premiums. Every person who shall effect or agree to

effect any fire insurance in any such city, village or town without having executed and delivered such bond or who shall wilfully omit to pay such duty shall, for each offense forfeit one hundred dollars, which shall be paid into the treasury for the support and maintenance of such fire department. In case the fire department of any such city, village or town be a voluntary department, or part paid, or either, having a treasurer or treasurers, all moneys received or collected by virtue of this section shall be paid to the treasurer of such department for the support and maintenance thereof exclusively. No city, village or town shall be entitled to such duty unless it shall have, support or maintain a fire department consisting, in case of a voluntary department, of at least one fire engine company with not less than ten active members, having at least one good fire engine and not less than five hundred feet of sound rubber, leather or other hose kept in an engine house fit and ready at all times for actual service, and at least one hook and ladder company, with not less than twelve active members having a good hook and ladder truck, and each such company shall hold a meeting at least once a month, and in case of a paid or partly paid fire department, the buildings, machinery and materials hereinbefore enumerated and the necessary men, teams and equipments to constitute an active and properly equipped department ready for service at all times. But in case any city, village or town shall have and maintain a system of waterworks with sufficient pressure for fire purposes with one or more hose companies of not less than ten active members, each having not less than five hundred feet of sound rubber, leather or other hose, with one or more hose carts kept fit and ready at all times for actual service, such city, village or town shall not be required to maintain a fire engine and the fire department shall be entitled to receive the two per centum named in this section. If any such underwriter or agent shall fail to file the bond or

Penalty for failure to execute bonds.

Qualification of fire department necessary to secure duty.

Penalty for failure of agent to pay duty.

Policy holders in unauthorized companies to pay duty. Policy holders liable when agent not local.

make the report or payment herein provided for the commissioner of insurance, shall upon satisfactory proof thereof, notify the company represented by such underwriter or agent that he is in default and that if such default continues for thirty days after the date of such notice he will revoke the license of such company and all of its agents to do business in this state for the unexpired portion of the year, and at the expiration of such time he shall revoke all of such licenses and shall not renew them or any of them so long as such default continues. The owner of any property situated in any city, village or town within this section who shall insure the same in any company not authorized to do business in this state, or in any company authorized to do business in this state but through agents or persons not residing in such city, village or town and who has not complied with the provisions of this section in regard to filing bond, shall be liable to the city, village or town in which such property is situated for the percentage of premiums on the insurance on such property, and such percentage may be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the city, village or town the fire department of which is entitled thereto; and all actions to recover such percentage may be so brought.

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

Approved March 21, 1899.