

No. 195, A.]

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CHAPTER 18.

AN ACT to amend section 1344, statutes of 1898, relating to public shade trees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1344, statutes of 1898, is amended to read:

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

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CHAPTER 19.

AN ACT to amend chapter 516 of the laws of 1905, by adding thereto sections 6m and 9m, relating to the capitol and grounds.

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

Power plant, storage building and material of new capitol. SECTION 1. There are added to chapter 516 of the laws of 1905, two new sections, to read as follows:

SECTION 6m. Heat, light, water and power shall be supplied to the capitol from without the capitol grounds, and the plans for the new capitol shall so provide.

SECTION 9m. 1. The commission may acquire title to land by purchase or condemnation, for a site for a power plant to furnish heat, light, water and power to the capitol and for any right of way necessary to maintain communication between such plant and the capitol.

this act, shall be fined for every offense not more than twenty-five dollars and costs of prosecution, or shall be imprisoned in the county jail not more than fifteen days.

(Ch. 70, 1907.)

Electric lines on highways: place of poles; penalty.

SECTION 1329a. 1. Any person, firm or corporation may, with the written consent of the supervisors of the town, construct and operate a line of telegraph, telephone or electric wires for the purpose of transmitting light or power along or within the limits of any highway, subject to the restrictions and conditions herein contained.

2. All poles used in the construction of such lines shall be set in such manner as not to interfere with the use of such highway by the public nor with the use of the adjoining land by the owner thereof; and all wires strung upon such poles shall be not less than twenty-four feet above the ground at all crossings and not less than fourteen feet above the ground at all other places.

3. But no tree shall be cut, trimmed or the branches thereof cut or broken in the construction or maintenance of any such line without the consent of the owner of the tree.

4. Any person, firm or corporation erecting any telephone, telegraph, electric light or other pole or stringing any telephone, telegraph, electric light or other wire in violation of the provisions of this act shall forfeit a sum not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars to be recovered in an action in the name of the state.

(Ch. 313, 1907.)

Shade trees along highways: bounties for planting and cultivating. SECTION 1344. Every person along or through whose lands any highway may pass may plant and cultivate on one or both sides thereof, where he shall own land, trees of such varieties as commonly grow at least forty feet in height, set two rods or less apart in * * * a row within eight feet of the outer line of the highway, * * * and when such trees shall reach twelve feet in height the superintendent of highways shall, if the same be growing thriftily, give such owner, on his request, a certificate that he accepts such trees as public shade trees. Thereafter such trees shall be public shade trees and be protected as public property, but the title thereto and to their fruit shall remain in the owner;

and such owner, so long as he shall maintain such trees, replacing such as die, shall receive an annual bounty of * * * *three* cents for each rod of highway along which such trees are planted on one side and * * * *six* cents if on both sides, to be credited upon his highway taxes. For the protection of such trees while growing such owner may, by leave of the superintendent, inclose the same by a fence.

(Ch. 18, 1907.)

Wagons on highways: tax rebates for wide tire users.

SECTION 1347m. 1. Every person who, during the year ending the first day of June, 1908, and each succeeding year thereafter, uses on public highways of this state only wagons or vehicles for hauling loads exceeding one thousand pounds in weight, with wheels the tires of which are not less than three inches in width, shall receive a rebate of one-half of his assessed town, city or village highway tax for each such year, which rebate shall not exceed in any year two dollars or its equivalent in labor if such tires shall be more than three and less than three and one-half inches in width, nor shall it exceed three dollars or its equivalent in labor if such tires are more than three and one-half inches in width.

2. The right to such rebate shall not be affected by the use upon the public highways of any vehicles carrying a weight not exceeding one thousand pounds.

3. Upon making an affidavit showing that he has complied with the provisions of this act during any such year such person shall be credited by the superintendent of highways for the road district in which he resides or is assessed, or by the town, city or village treasurer, with such rebate. Such affidavits may be taken before any superintendent of highways or any town, city or village treasurer, each of whom is hereby authorized to administer such oath.

(Ch. 479, 1907.)

Application of chapter 552, 1907. SECTION 1347t. In any county organized as a road district, the provisions of this chapter are in force, except in so far as the county board designate for improvement any road or bridge.

(Ch. 552, 1907.) Made "Sec. 1347t," by Sec. 17, Ch. 676, 1907.

* * * The provisions of this act shall not apply to counties having a population of one hundred and fifty thousand or more.

(Sec. 9, Ch. 552, 1907.)