

return certified or sworn copies thereof or of such portions thereof as may be called for by such writ. The return shall concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to show the grounds of the decision appealed from and shall be verified.

(13) If, upon the hearing, it shall appear to the court that testimony is necessary for the proper disposition of the matter, it may take evidence or appoint a referee to take such evidence as it may direct and report the same to the court with his findings of fact and conclusions of law, which shall constitute a part of the proceedings upon which the determination of the court shall be made. The court may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the decision brought up for review.

(14) Costs shall not be allowed against the board unless it shall appear to the court that it acted with gross negligence, or in bad faith, or with malice in making the decision appealed from. All issues in any proceeding under this section shall have preference over all other civil actions and proceedings.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved July 18, 1927.

No. 692, A.]

[Published July 20, 1927.

CHAPTER 409.

AN ACT to repeal paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 20.15 of the statutes, relating to repairs and maintenance at the Wisconsin veterans home; and to amend paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4), all of section 20.15 of the statutes, relating to appropriations for the Wisconsin veterans home.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 20.15 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4) of section 20.15 of the statutes are amended to read: (20.15) (3) (a) *Annually, beginning July 1, 1927*, for maintenance of each inmate and employe in such

home, as defined in section 45.07, an allowance of six dollars and fifty cents per week, * * * and annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1927, a sum sufficient for insurance.

(4) (b) On July 1, * * * 1927, twenty * * * thousand * * * dollars, and on July 1, * * * 1928, twenty * * * thousand * * * dollars, for property repairs and maintenance.

(4) (c) On July 1, 1925, twenty thousand six hundred fifty dollars, * * * on July 1, 1926, twenty-six thousand seven hundred ninety dollars; *on July 1 1927, ten thousand dollars, and on July 1, 1928, four thousand dollars* for permanent property and improvements, except the purchase of land. * * *

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1927.

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CHAPTER 410.

AN ACT to amend subsection (4) of section 29.18 of the statutes, relating to closed season for muskrat.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (4) of section 29.18 of the statutes is amended to read: (29.18) (4) For mink and muskrat there shall be an open season from January first to April tenth, in all counties excepting the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waushara, Waupaca, Marathon, Lincoln, Forest, Florence, Oneida, Langlade, Marinette and Winnebago, where the open season shall be from October twenty-fifth to April first. There shall be no open season in *Grant, Vernon, Crawford and Richland* counties until *January 1, 1929. On Horicon marsh in Dodge county there shall be no open season for mink and muskrat, including muskrat on so-called muskrat farms not legally operated or on muskrat farms established after July 1, 1927, until January 1, 1933.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved July 20, 1927.