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**CHAPTER 279.**

AN ACT to create 84.01 (20) of the statutes, relating to the duties of the highway commissions in cooperating with the federal authorities in the construction of roads, bridges and flight strips during the war emergency.

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

84.01 (20) of the statutes is created to read:

84.01 (20) The commission shall cooperate with the public roads administration, upon request of the commissioner of public roads of the United States, in the making of surveys, plans, specifications and estimates for, and in the construction and maintenance of, flight strips and of roads and bridges necessary to provide access to military and naval reservations, to defense industries and defense-industry sites, and to sources of raw materials, and for replacing existing highways and highway connections shut off from general public use at military and naval reservations and defense-industry sites, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may enter into contracts in any manner approved by the commissioner of public roads for the construction of any such flight strips or roads, or may perform such construction and maintenance work by force account. The entire cost of the right-of-way, surveys, preliminary engineering costs, construction and maintenance of the various construction and maintenance work specified herein shall be paid by the federal government or some agency other than the state of Wisconsin. None of the cost of the right-of-way, construction or maintenance of any such work shall be paid by the state of Wisconsin. This subsection does not apply to the improvement and maintenance of state trunk highways. The provisions of this subsection are intended to facilitate the war effort and shall remain in effect for the duration of the present war and until its termination as proclaimed by the president or the congress and for 6 months thereafter.

Approved June 10, 1943.