

(8) The state treasurer or his duly authorized representatives, are authorized to examine at all reasonable times, the books and records of every distributor and user, which pertain to natural gas.

(9) All tax moneys collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall become part of the general fund and be apportioned in the manner provided by section 76.28 (1) upon the basis of the consumption in each city, village and town.

(10) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to revoke any of the provisions of the statutes of Wisconsin heretofore in force and effect with respect to gas companies and utilities, except and to the extent that the same, or any of them, be repugnant to the provisions of this section.

(11) If any subsection or paragraph of this section or its application to any person or circumstance shall be held unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the constitutionality of any other subsection or paragraph, or its application to other persons or circumstances.

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CHAPTER 340.

AN ACT to create 76.54 (17) (c) of the statutes, relating to municipal taxation of motor carriers.

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

76.54 (17) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

76.54 (17) (c) For busses operated in local passenger service over a regular route which extends from one city into one or more adjoining or successive cities or villages in one county and the traversed territory intervening between any such municipality and the next such municipality served does not exceed 6,000 feet, the license fee to be paid to each such city or village for the operation of busses over such route shall be that portion of the regular license fee for each such bus fixed under the limitations of paragraphs (a) and (b) represented by the proportion which the number of bus miles operated in such city or village bears

to the total number of bus miles operated over such route by the operator seeking license, except that mileage traveled by such busses through any municipality or municipalities not permitted by law to receive bus license fees, shall not be included in computing the fee due each municipality. Any such city or village may require any such operator to submit at designated intervals verified or other reports relating to bus miles operated on such route and the division thereof as between such cities and villages and may estimate such bus miles and the proportion thereof to be operated in any city or village for the purpose of collecting license fees in advance, subject to correction and adjustment when the actual bus mileage operated upon the route and the portion thereof operated in such municipality shall be available. Whenever any dispute arises between a municipality or municipalities and the operator regarding computation of bus mileage under this paragraph, any party aggrieved, may, within 30 days after the submission of verified reports by the operator to the municipalities entitled to a fee, submit the matter for a final determination to the public service commission.

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CHAPTER 341.

AN ACT to amend 201.25 (1) (a), (b) and (f), (2) and (4); and to create 201.25 (1) (ff), (fg), (fh) and (l) of the statutes, relating to investments of domestic insurance companies.

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

SECTION 1. 201.25 (1) (a), (b) and (f) are amended to read:

201.25 (1) (a) In the lawfully authorized bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the United States or of any state of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or of the Dominion of Canada or of any province thereof.

(b) In the lawfully authorized bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of any county, city, town, village, school district or other municipal district within the United States or the Dominion of Canada, which shall be a direct obligation of the county,