

No. 501, A.]

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**CHAPTER 407.**

AN ACT to amend 60.29 (18) of the statutes, relating to town fire departments.

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

60.29 (18) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.29 (18) To establish a fire department in any town or join with a group of towns, parts of towns, cities or villages in establishing a joint fire department when authorized by resolution adopted by ballot at any town meeting; to appoint the officers and members thereof, and prescribe and regulate their duties; to provide such compensation for the members of the fire department as the town board may determine; to purchase workmen's compensation insurance covering such firemen; to provide protection from fire by the purchase, use and maintenance of fire engines and other necessary apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and by the erection or construction of cisterns and reservoirs; to erect engine houses; to join with a group of towns, parts of towns, cities or villages in the joint acquisition and ownership of fire fighting equipment and to appropriate its proportionate share of the cost of purchasing and maintaining such equipment; to enter into agreements with any town, city, village, firemen's association, corporation or individual for the maintenance, housing and manning of jointly owned fire-fighting equipment, and to levy a tax upon all real and personal property in that part of the town receiving protection from such jointly owned equipment for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining the same; to compel the inhabitants of the town to aid in the extinguishment of fires, and to pull down and raze such buildings in the vicinity of fire as shall be directed by them or any 2 of them who may be at the fire, for the purpose of preventing its communication to other buildings; to establish fire limits or the limits within which wooden or other combustible buildings shall not be erected; to require the owners or occupants of buildings to provide and keep suitable ladders and fire buckets which shall be appurtenances to the realty, and exempt from seizure and forced sale; and after reasonable notice to such owner or occupant and refusal or neglect by him to procure and deliver the

same to him, and in default of payment therefor to levy the cost thereof as a special tax upon such real estate, to be assessed and collected as other taxes in such towns; to regulate the storage of gunpowder and other dangerous materials; to require the construction of safe places for the deposit of ashes; to regulate the manner of putting up stove pipes and the construction and cleaning of chimneys; to prevent bonfires and the use of fireworks, and firearms in the town or any part thereof; to authorize fire wardens, at all reasonable times, to enter and examine all dwelling houses, lots, yards, inclosures and buildings of every description in order to discover whether any of them are in a dangerous condition and to cause such as may be dangerous to be put in safe condition.

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### CHAPTER 408.

AN ACT to amend 203.01 (1) and 203.06 (1) and to create 203.01 (4) of the statutes, relating to standard fire insurance policy.

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

SECTION 1. 203.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

203.01 (1) The commissioner shall keep on file \* \* \* printed forms, sizes 8 1/2 by 11 inches and 8 1/2 by 14 inches, in blank of the standard policy of fire insurance, containing the provisions, agreements and conditions specified in this section. *An insurance company may at its option use either size. The following policy form is declared to be and shall be known as the "Standard Fire Insurance Policy of the State of Wisconsin."*

[FACE OF POLICY]

STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE POLICY OF THE STATE  
OF WISCONSIN

No. ....

[Space for insertion of name of company or companies issuing the policy and other matter permitted to be stated at the head of the policy.]