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CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT to amend 180.18 (1) and to create 180.18 (3) of the statutes, relating to wires over railroads.

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

SECTION 1. 180.18 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

180.18 (1) All wires strung over any steam railroad *prior to August 1, 1949*, shall be tied to insulators fastened to double cross-arms attached to a pole at each side of the crossing. The poles if of wood shall not be less than 6 inches in diameter at the top (if of other materials at least the equivalent strength thereof), set not less than 5 feet in the ground, securely guyed, and, unless the railroad right of way is over 100 feet in width, shall be set not more than 100 feet apart. The cross-arms shall be attached to the poles by machine bolts, and braced by at least one iron brace from each cross-arm to the pole. All wires shall be maintained not less than 25 feet above the rails, except street railway trolley wires, which shall be maintained not less than 22 feet above the rails.

SECTION 2. 180.18 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

180.18 (3) All wires strung over any steam railroad on or after August 1, 1949 shall be strung in such a way as to meet requirements of the Wisconsin state electrical code. Any person stringing wires in violation of the code, shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$100 nor less than \$25. Each 10-day period, after the first day, that such violation occurs shall be a separate violation and shall subject the violator to an additional forfeiture of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for each such violation.

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