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## CHAPTER 397, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to renumber 22.16 (11) to (14); to amend 22.16 (4) (a) 4; and to create 22.16 (3) (b) 6, (7) (d) and (11) of the statutes, relating to provision of

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construction equipment and services and liability for equipment or services provided for disaster relief during states of emergency.

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

SECTION 1. 22.16 (3) (b) 6 and (7) (d) of the statutes are created to read:

- 22.16 (3) (b) 6. During a state of emergency, contract on behalf of the state with any person to provide equipment and services on a cost basis to be used in disaster relief.
- (7) (d) During the continuance of a state of emergency proclaimed by the governor, the head of emergency government services in each county, town and municipality, on behalf of his or her respective county, town or municipality, may contract with any person to provide equipment and services on a cost basis to be used in disaster relief.

SECTION 2. 22.16 (4) (a) 4 of the statutes is amended to read:

22.16 (4) (a) 4. Withhold or recover grants under sub.  $\frac{(13)}{(14)}$ .

SECTION 3. 22.16 (11) of the statutes is renumbered 22.16 (12).

SECTION 4. 22.16 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

22.16 (11) Exemption from Liability. No person who provides equipment or services under the direction of the governor, the secretary or the head of emergency government services in any county, town or municipality during a state of emergency declared by the governor is liable for the death of or injury to any person or damage to any property caused by his or her actions, except where the trier of fact finds that the person acted intentionally or with gross negligence. This subsection does not affect the right of any person to receive benefits to which he or she would otherwise be entitled under the worker's compensation law or under any pension law, nor does it affect entitlement to any other benefits or compensation authorized by state or federal law.

SECTION 5. 22.16 (12) to (14) of the statutes are renumbered 22.16 (13) to (15), respectively.