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CHAPTER 562.

AN ACT to create 20.18 (5a) and 49.26 (8) of the statutes, relating to old-age assistance and to matters after death of recipients of such assistance, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 49.26 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

49.26 (8) (a) When a person receiving such assistance shall die not having cashed his old-age assistance checks issued immediately prior to death, the director or employe of the pension department shall have authority to do so upon being appointed special administrator for the sole purpose to disburse the proceeds of such checks without bond as herein provided upon order of the county court of his county. Such money shall be used to pay for expenses incurred by such old-age recipient for his room, board, lodging, care, medical service, nursing home care, hospitalization or necessities during the period for which such checks were issued. All persons having such claims shall file same, upon the usual claim form, with such county court within 2 months of the date of the order for the hereinafter provided notice of the date or forfeit any claim to the proceeds of such checks. Such notice shall contain the name of the recipient as shown on such old-age assistance checks, and require all persons having such claims to file same within 2 months of the date of the order therefor. Such notice may be published once in some newspaper published or circulated in such county or be posted in 2 public places in such county as the court shall direct, within 15 days of the date of such order. From the proceeds of such checks the cost of such publication, if any, shall first be paid; if the remainder is not sufficient to pay all of the above enumerated claims then nursing home care shall next be paid and the balance prorated among the other claimants. Any such unpaid claimant shall have the right otherwise provided by law to file a claim for any unpaid balance against the estate of such deceased person. The unclaimed portion of the proceeds of such checks shall be refunded to such county, except that where there is probate, general or special administration proceedings pending then such balance shall be paid to the administrator or executor. Such notice shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Wisconsin County Court:
 County. All persons having claims for room, board,
 lodging, care, medical service, nursing home care,
 hospitalization, or necessities furnished to
 an old-age assistance recipient of
 county, which were incurred
 from and after shall be presented
 to said court, at the court house, in the City of
, in said county, on or before the
 day of, A. D. 19.....,
 or be forever barred from making any claim to the
 proceeds of certain old-age assistance checks of said de-
 ceased.

All said claims will be heard and adjusted by said court,
 at said court house, on the first Tuesday of
, A. D. 19.....

Dated 19..... By the court:

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Judge

(b) If such special administrator shall not be satisfied with the justness of any such claim he may object thereto and the matter heard before the court upon proper notice. No money shall be disbursed hereunder without court order. If any such recipient was under guardianship such guardian as such shall have the authority to disburse the proceeds of such checks as provided in paragraph (a). If probate, or administration (whether general or special) shall be granted of such recipient's will or estate, the proceeds of such checks shall be disbursed by such administrator or executor upon the above claims pursuant to general probate or administration practice except that in the case of special administration the notice provided for in paragraph (a) shall be given.

(c) In the event that probate, general or special administration is granted prior to the time of the disbursement of the proceeds of such checks then the special administrator appointed under paragraph (a) shall, upon order of the county court, pay the amount of such pension checks unpaid, less the cost of publication, to such personal representative of such deceased person.

(d) When any old-age assistance recipient shall die during the month, the county may issue a check to such director, employe, guardian, executor, or administrator, for the prorated

amount of his grant computed on his last monthly grant subject to rules and regulations of the state department of public welfare, provided such prorated amount is \$10 or more, so as to pay the claims in the manner provided in this section. Counties shall be reimbursed by the state for grants made pursuant to this paragraph in the manner provided by section 49.38 from the appropriation provided by section 20.18 (5a).

SECTION 2. 20.18 (5a) of the statutes is created to read:

20.18 (5a) OLD-AGE PENSIONERS. For aid to counties a sum sufficient to be allotted as provided in sections 49.26 (8).

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CHAPTER 563.

AN ACT to repeal 29.577 (11); to amend 29.577 (1) to (9), 70.425 (1) and 343.421; and to repeal and recreate 29.579 of the statutes, relating to fur animal farms, mink and fox farms, occupational tax on mink, trespass on fur farms, and defining fur bearing animals raised in captivity as domestic animals.

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

SECTION 1. 29.577 (1) to (9) of the statutes are amended to read:

29.577 (1) The owner or lessee of any lands within the state of Wisconsin suitable for the breeding and propagating of * * * otter, * * * raccoon or skunk shall have the right upon complying with the provisions of this section to establish, operate and maintain on such lands * * * an otter, * * * raccoon or skunk farm, for the purpose of breeding, propagating, trapping and dealing in * * * otter, * * * raccoon or skunk.

(2) Such owner or lessee desiring to establish, operate and maintain * * * an otter, * * * raccoon or skunk farm in conformity with this section, shall file with the conservation commission a verified declaration, describing the lands which such applicant for a license desires to use for the purpose of breeding and propagating * * * otter, * * * raccoon or skunk, and setting forth also the title or leasehold of the applicant and the number of acres embraced in said tract. He shall also