

THE HOTELKEEPER'S LIABILITY ACT

Cap. 151.

[28th September, 1950.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Hotelkeeper's Liability Act. Short title.

2. In this Act—

“hotel” means any building containing not less than ten bedrooms for the accommodation for reward of guests;
 “hotelkeeper” means the person by whom is carried on the business of keeping any hotel.

Interpretation

3. No hotelkeeper shall be liable to make good to any guests of such hotelkeeper any loss of or injury to goods or property brought to his hotel, not being a horse or other live animal, or any gear appertaining thereto, or any carriage, to a greater amount than the sum of sixty dollars, except in the following cases; (that is to say)

Hotelkeeper not to be liable for loss, etc., beyond \$60, except in certain cases.

- (a) where such goods or property shall have been stolen, lost, or injured through the wilful act, default, or neglect of such hotelkeeper or any servant in his employ;
- (b) where such goods or property shall have been deposited expressly for safe custody with such hotelkeeper:

Provided always, that in the case of such deposit it shall be lawful for such hotelkeeper, if he thinks fit, to require, as a condition of his liability, that such goods or property shall be deposited in a box or other receptacle, fastened and sealed by, the person depositing the same.

Obligation to receive property of guests for safe custody.

4. If any hotelkeeper shall refuse to receive for safe custody, as before mentioned, any goods or property of his guest, or if any such guest shall, through any default of such hotelkeeper, be unable to deposit such goods or property as aforesaid, such hotelkeeper shall not be entitled to the benefit of this Act in respect of such goods or property.

Notice of Act, etc., to be conspicuously exhibited.

5. Every hotelkeeper shall cause at least one copy of the third section of this Act, printed in plain type, to be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the hall or entrance to his hotel; and he shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act in respect of such goods or property only as shall be brought to his hotel while such copy shall be so exhibited.