

## CHAPTER 268.

## LIEN AND LIABILITY OF HOTEL AND INNKEEPERS.

H. F. 682.

AN ACT to amend section thirty-one hundred thirty-eight (3138) of the supplement to the code, 1907, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety-five (195) of the acts of the thirty-third general assembly relating to the care of property belonging to guests of hotels and inns and to the lien of hotel and innkeepers thereon.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Lien upon baggage and other property—right to sell.** That section thirty-one hundred thirty-eight (3138) of the supplement to the code, 1907, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety-five (195) of the acts of the thirty-third general assembly be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

The innkeeper or hotel keeper shall retain such baggage and other property upon which he has a lien for a period of ninety (90) days, at the expiration of which time if such lien is not satisfied, he may sell such baggage and other property at public auction after giving ten (10) days notice of the time and place of sale in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the inn or hotel is situated, and also by mailing a copy of such notice addressed to said guest or boarder at the place of residence registered by him in the register of such inn or hotel.

After satisfying the lien and any costs that may accrue, any residue remaining shall, on demand within six (6) months, be paid to such guest or boarder, and if not so demanded within six (6) months from date of such sale, such residue shall be deposited by such innkeeper or hotelkeeper with the treasurer of the county in which the inn or hotel is situated, together with a statement of the innkeeper's claim and the costs of enforcing same, a copy of the published notice, and the amounts received for the goods sold at said sale; said residue shall by said county treasurer be credited to the general revenue fund of said county, subject to a right of said guest or boarder, or his representative, to reclaim at any time within three (3) years of the date of deposit with the said treasurer.

Approved April 18 A. D. 1913.