

**137C.7 License required.**

A person shall not open or operate a hotel until the regulatory authority has inspected the hotel and issued a license to the person. The regulatory authority shall conduct inspections in accordance with standards adopted by the department by rule pursuant to [chapter 17A](#). Each license shall expire one year from the date of issue. A license is renewable. All licenses issued under [this chapter](#) that are not renewed by the licensee on or before the expiration date shall be subject to a penalty of ten percent of the license fee per month if the license is renewed at a later date. A license is not transferable.

[S13, §2527-1; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §**2809**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §170.2; C79, 81, §170B.4]

[90 Acts, ch 1204, §66](#)

C91, §137C.7

[2002 Acts, ch 1119, §132](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1144, §2, 16](#)

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