

CHAPTER 182.

HOTEL INSPECTION, LICENSING, ETC.

H. F. 255.

AN ACT to repeal section twenty-five hundred fourteen-h (2514-h), section twenty-five hundred fourteen-m (2514-m), section twenty-five hundred fourteen-q (2514-q), section twenty-five hundred fourteen-s (2514-s), and section twenty-five hundred fourteen-t (2514-t), of the supplement to the code, 1913, and to enact substitutes therefor; also to amend section twenty-five hundred fourteen-u (2514-u), and section twenty-five hundred fourteen-w (2514-w), of the supplement to the code, 1913, relating to the inspection of hotels and providing for the licensing thereof.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Repeal and substitute.** That the law as it appears in
2 section twenty-five hundred fourteen-h (2514-h), supplement to the
3 code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following
4 enacted in lieu thereof:

5 SEC. 2514-h. **"Hotel" defined.** Every building or structure kept,
6 used, advertised as, or held out to the public to be an inn, hotel, or
7 public lodging house, or place where sleeping accommodations are fur-
8 nished for hire to transient guests whether with or without meals
9 shall for the purpose of this act be defined to be a hotel, and wherever
10 the word hotel shall occur in this act, it shall be construed to mean
11 and cover every such building or structure as is described in this
12 section.

13 SEC. 2514-h1. **Hotel management—application for license—state-**
14 **ment of rates, etc.** On taking effect of this act and on or before Janu-
15 ary 1st of each year thereafter every person, firm or corporation now
16 engaged in the business of conducting a hotel, and every person, firm
17 or corporation who shall hereafter engage in conducting such busi-
18 ness shall make application to the inspector of hotels for a license to
19 conduct such business which application shall be accompanied by a
20 statement showing the maximum rates to be charged for each room in
21 such hotel to the guests when occupied by one guest, by two guests,
22 by three guests or more and on the first day of July and January in
23 each year thereafter; and the rate for each room shall be posted on a
24 card on the inside of the entrance door to such room in type of such
25 size and dimension sufficiently large to be easily read. A complete list
26 of rooms by number and floor together with rate for each room shall
27 be continuously kept posted on the wall near the office in the lobby of
28 such hotel and open to public inspection without request from the
29 management and no greater rate shall be charged or collected. Pro-
30 vided that any hotel inspected and certified during the year 1919,
31 prior to the taking effect of this act, shall not require license until after
32 December 31, 1919.

33 SEC. 2514-h2. **License—application blank—approval—fee.** The
34 inspector of hotels upon request shall furnish to any person, firm or
35 corporation desiring to conduct a hotel an application blank to be filled
36 out by such person, firm or corporation for a license therefor and which
37 shall require such applicant to state the full name and address of the
38 owner of the building, the lessee, and manager of such hotel together
39 with the full description of the building and property to be used or

40 proposed to be used for such business, the location of the same, the
 41 name under which such business is to be conducted, and such other
 42 information as may be required therein by the inspector of hotels and
 43 such application shall be accompanied by the license fee hereinafter
 44 provided. Upon the approval of such application by the inspector of
 45 hotels he shall issue a license to the applicant to conduct a hotel in this
 46 state.

47 **SEC. 2514-h3. License—expiration—transfer—refusal—appeal.** Each
 48 license shall expire on the 31st day of December next following its
 49 issuance. No hotel shall be maintained or conducted in this state after
 50 the taking effect of this act without having secured a license therefor
 51 as herein provided and said license shall be transferable upon payment
 52 of one dollar for such transfer.

53 Provided, however, that after the making of application for license
 54 as herein provided, and pending the issuance of such license, such
 55 hotel shall be permitted to operate as such until the final refusal of
 56 such application by the inspector; provided, also, that no hotel shall
 57 be denied relief in the courts in any action instituted by such hotel by
 58 reason of the fact that a license has not been issued to such hotel.

59 **SEC. 2514-h4. License fees—hotel inspection fund.** The fee for
 60 license to conduct a hotel in this state shall be for every hotel contain-
 61 ing fifteen rooms, or less, for the accommodation of guests, four dol-
 62 lars (\$4.00); for more than fifteen and less than thirty-one rooms, six
 63 dollars (\$6.00); for more than thirty and less than seventy-six rooms,
 64 eight dollars (\$8.00); for more than seventy-five rooms and less than
 65 one hundred and fifty rooms, ten dollars (\$10.00); for one hundred and
 66 fifty rooms and upward, fifteen dollars (\$15.00). In all hotels within
 67 the meaning of this act the office, parlors, dining-room and kitchen and
 68 all sleeping rooms whether for hire to transient or permanent guests
 69 shall be construed to mean guest rooms.

70 All fees received for licenses shall be forthwith paid over to the
 71 state treasurer and his receipt taken and kept on file in the office of
 72 the inspector of hotels. Such fees shall be by the treasurer kept as a
 73 separate fund to be known as a hotel inspection fund and only paid
 74 out for bills or claims approved by the inspector of hotels and the state
 75 board of audit.

1 **SEC. 2. Repeal and substitute.** The law as it appears in section
 2 twenty-five hundred fourteen-m (2514-m), supplement to the code,
 3 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in
 4 lieu thereof:

5 **SEC. 2514-m1. Sanitary requirements.** Every hotel located or situ-
 6 ated in a city or town having a system of sewerage shall be thoroughly
 7 drained, constructed and plumbed according to approved sanitary prin-
 8 ciples; all hotels shall be kept and maintained in a clean and sanitary
 9 condition and free from any effluvia, gas or offensive odors arising
 10 from any sewer, drain, privy, or any other source whatsoever within
 11 the control of the owner, manager, agent or person in charge thereof.
 12 Hotels in cities or towns not provided with a sewerage system shall be
 13 provided with an approved cesspool or with privies or water-closets
 14 properly screened from flies and separated for the use of males and
 15 females, which cesspools, privies and water-closets shall be properly
 16 cleaned and disinfected as often as necessary to keep and maintain
 17 them in an approved sanitary condition. In hotels which maintain
 18 locked sanitary toilets accessible to guests said hotel shall furnish to

19 all guests slugs for admittance to toilets, said slugs to be furnished
20 without expense to the guests.

21 **SEC. 2514-m2. Ventilation.** Every hotel in this state shall be prop-
22 erly ventilated. Such proper ventilation shall be construed to mean
23 that no room shall be used for sleeping purposes which does not have
24 a window or ventilated skylight opening to the outside of the building
25 or court and that no room with floor more than three (3) feet below
26 level of the outside surface of the ground shall be used for sleeping
27 purposes and provided also that every hotel hereafter constructed or
28 any building remodeled to be used for hotel purposes shall have suffi-
29 cient ventilation in the door or doorway or by such other equivalent
30 improvement as may be later discovered and at least one window
31 opening to the outside of the building or court which window or win-
32 dows shall equal in area at least one eighth of the floor area of such
33 room and where storm windows are used the same shall be so con-
34 structed that proper ventilation may be had by the guests if desired.
35 Such storm sash shall be hung in such manner that same may be
36 opened to insure safe and speedy exit in cases of fire.

37 **SEC. 2514-m3. Sheets, etc.—laundrying—bedding—vermin.** Each
38 bed, bunk, cot or other sleeping place provided for the use of guests
39 shall be supplied with pillow slips and under sheets sufficiently large
40 to cover the mattress, and top sheets, sheet to be made ninety-six
41 inches long, and of sufficient width to completely cover the mattress
42 and springs; said sheets and pillow slips to be made of white cotton
43 or linen, and all such sheets and pillow slips, after being used by one
44 guest, to be washed and ironed before they are used by any other
45 guest, a clean set being furnished each succeeding guest. All bedding
46 used in any hotel shall be thoroughly aired and kept clean, provided
47 that all bedding including mattresses, quilts, blankets, pillows, sheets
48 or comforts which are so worn or unsanitary as to be unfit for use,
49 shall be condemned by the inspecting officer and their further use
50 forthwith prohibited. Any room in any hotel under this act which
51 shall become infested with vermin or bed-bugs shall be renovated
52 until said vermin or bedbugs are exterminated.

53 **SEC. 2514-m4. Towels—toilet and guest rooms.** The use of the
54 roller or common towel in the toilet rooms or wash rooms of hotels is
55 hereby prohibited. Individual towels shall be provided for the use of
56 guests in guest rooms so that no two or more guests will be required
57 to use the same towel; provided, that this shall not prohibit the use
58 of individual sanitary paper towels in wash rooms.

59 **SEC. 2514-m5. Common drinking cup.** The use of the common
60 drinking cup in hotels or in hotel offices, or toilet rooms and wash
61 rooms of hotels, is hereby prohibited.

62 **SEC. 2514-m6. Kitchens, refrigerators, etc.—sanitary condition—**
63 **screens.** In every hotel the kitchen, dining room, cellar, office, ice
64 boxes, refrigerators, and all places where foods are prepared, kept or
65 stored, and cooking utensils, shall be kept clean and in a sanitary con-
66 dition, and the use of soiled or unsanitary tablecloths, napkins or other
67 tableware is hereby prohibited. Kitchens and dining rooms shall be
68 screened from flies.

69 **SEC. 2514-m7. Lodging rooms—rate card—rate advance—notice.** On
70 the inside of the door of each lodging room there shall be posted in a
71 conspicuous place a card stating the price of said room per day per
72 person and said posted price shall not be increased until the manager

73 of said hotel shall have given the hotel inspector provided for in this
 74 act sixty (60) days' notice of his intention to so increase the said
 75 price and stating the amount he proposes to charge and receive per-
 76 mission from the said inspector to increase the rates.

1 **SEC. 3. Repeal and substitute.** That the law as it appears in sec-
 2 tion twenty-five hundred fourteen-q (2514-q), supplement to the code,
 3 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in
 4 lieu thereof:

5 **SEC. 2514-q. Inspector and deputies—powers and duties—manage-**
 6 **ment to aid.** It shall be the duty of the inspector and his deputies to
 7 see that all of the provisions of this act are enforced and complied
 8 with, and for such purpose such inspector or deputy shall personally
 9 inspect at least once each year every hotel in the state coming within
 10 the provisions of this act, said inspector or his deputy being hereby
 11 empowered and authorized to enter any hotel at all reasonable hours
 12 to make such inspection; and it is hereby made the duty of every per-
 13 son in the management or control of such hotel to afford free access
 14 to every part of the hotel and render all aid and assistance necessary
 15 to enable the inspector to make a full, thorough and complete exam-
 16 ination thereof.

1 **SEC. 4. Repeal and substitute.** That the law as it appears in sec-
 2 tion twenty-five hundred fourteen-s (2514-s), supplement to the code,
 3 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in
 4 lieu thereof:

5 **SEC. 2514-s. Complaint—inspection—expense—cancellation of**
 6 **license.** Upon the receipt of a verified complaint signed by three or
 7 more patrons of any hotel in this state, setting forth facts showing
 8 that such hotel is in an unsanitary condition or that fire escapes and
 9 appliances are not kept and maintained in accordance with the pro-
 10 visions of law, the inspector shall make or cause to be made an inspec-
 11 tion or examination of the matters complained of and if upon inspec-
 12 tion the complaint is found to be justifiable the actual cost or expense
 13 necessarily incurred in making such inspection shall be charged and
 14 collected from the person, firm or corporation conducting such hotel.
 15 Provided, however, that the inspectors of hotels shall not have power
 16 to cancel, annul or invalidate any license issued, except, upon the judg-
 17 ment of a court of record or municipal court.

1 **SEC. 5. Repeal and substitute.** That the law as it appears in sec-
 2 tion twenty-five hundred fourteen-t (2514-t), supplement to the code,
 3 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted
 4 in lieu thereof:

5 **SEC. 2514-t. Inspector and deputies—salary and expenses—claims**
 6 **—fund.** The inspector of hotels shall receive a salary of twenty-four
 7 hundred dollars (\$2400) per annum and necessary expenses payable
 8 monthly out of the hotel inspection fund.

9 Each deputy inspector shall receive an annual salary of eighteen
 10 hundred dollars (\$1800), and necessary expenses payable monthly out
 11 of the hotel inspection fund. All salaries, compensation, printing, sta-
 12 tionery, postage, and other contingent expenses necessarily incurred
 13 under the provisions of this act shall be paid from said fund. All bills
 14 and claims for compensation and necessary expenses shall be itemized,
 15 verified and shall be approved and certified by the state board of audit
 16 before warrants in payment of the same are drawn by the auditor of

17 state, provided that no salaries, compensation or expenses shall be
18 paid in excess of the license fees received.

1 SEC. 6. False certification—misdemeanor—penalty. That the law
2 as it appears in section twenty-five hundred fourteen-u (2514-u), sup-
3 plement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended by
4 striking out the word certificate in the third line thereof and substi-
5 tuting the word "license" therefor.

SEC. 7. Hotel management—failure to comply—revocation of license.
1 That the law as it appears in section twenty-five hundred fourteen-w
2 (2514-w), supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby
3 amended by striking out the words "or who shall fail to pay the proper
4 fee for inspection"; also by adding to such section the following "Upon
5 such conviction of any court of competent jurisdiction the inspector of
6 hotels may revoke the license of the person, firm or corporation so con-
7 victed."

1 SEC. 8. Publication clause. This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall take effect and be in full force from date of publica-
3 tion in the Des Moines Capital and in the Des Moines Register, news-
4 papers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 8, A. D. 1919.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital and
the Des Moines Register April 10, 1919.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 183.

COMMISSION OF PHARMACY.

H. F. 497.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-five hundred eighty-five (2585), supplement to the code,
1913, relating to the traveling expenses of the secretary and treasurer of the com-
mission of pharmacy.

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

1 SECTION 1. Secretary and treasurer—traveling expenses. That sec-
2 tion twenty-five hundred eighty-five (2585), supplement to the code,
3 1913, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the period at
4 the end of the sentence in the tenth line of said section, and by adding
5 the following words after the word "annum" in said tenth line, to wit,
6 "and traveling expenses," and also by inserting a period after the said
7 word "expenses".

1 SEC. 2. Publication clause. This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance, shall take effect from and after its passage and publication
3 in the Des Moines Capital and the Des Moines Register, newspapers
4 published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 8, A. D. 1919.

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