

newal of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery on any street or highway. Any local improvement payable, in whole or in part, by special assessments, which shall include a charge for the cost and expense of furnishing electrical energy to any system of street lighting or for the cost and expense of operation and maintenance of moving sidewalks or escalators shall be initiated only upon petition signed by the owners of two-thirds of the lineal frontage upon the improvement to be made and two-thirds of the area within the limits of the proposed improvement district.

Petition
of property
owners.

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CHAPTER 169.

[S. H. B. 83.]

FIRE AND SANITARY REGULATIONS FOR HOTELS.

AN ACT relating to hotels, inns, and public lodging houses, providing for adequate protection against fire, prescribing health and sanitary rules and regulations for same, prescribing the fees for their inspection and the manner of collecting the same and providing penalties for the violation thereof, and amending sections 6030, 6031, 6032, 6034, 6035, 6038 and 6048 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 6030 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Amends
Rem.-Bal.
§§ 6030-6032,
6034, 6035,
6038, 6048.

Section 6030. Every building or structure kept, used, or maintained as, or advertised as, or held out to the public to be an inn, hotel, or public lodging house, or place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public for hire in periods of less than one week in which five or more rooms are used for the sleeping accommodation of its guests, shall for the purpose of this act be defined to be a hotel, and whenever the word hotel shall occur in this act

"Hotel"
defined.

Tents and
cottages as
part of hotel.

it shall be construed to mean and embrace every such structure as is described in this section. Tents or cottages when used in connection with such hotel for the accommodation of its guests shall be taken and considered as being a part of such hotel. Where any room of a hotel contains more than one bed, every bed in excess of one shall for the purpose of this act be counted as an additional room.

SEC. 2. That section 6031 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Regulating
fire-escapes.

Section 6031. Every hotel that is more than two stories high shall be provided with a hall on each floor extending from one outside wall in such manner that every room upon such floor shall open upon such hall or a cross hall connected therewith. Said hall to contain adequate lights which must be kept burning from darkness to daylight. There shall be equipped at the end of each hall an adequate iron fire escape on the outside of the building. But if one fire escape is not adequate to protect and care for the maximum number of guests to be accommodated on each floor additional fire escapes shall be added; such fire escape or fire escapes to be connected on each floor above the first, with at least one opening, which shall be well fastened and secured with landings not less than six feet in length and three feet in width, guarded by an iron railing not less than three feet in height. Such landing shall be connected by iron stairs not less than two feet wide with steps of not less than six inches tread placed at an angle of not more than forty-five (45) degrees, and protected by a well secured handrail on both sides and reaching to within eight feet of the ground. An option shall be given to substitute a perpendicular iron ladder for the stairs above mentioned, provided such iron ladder is placed at the extreme outside of the platform and at least three feet away from the wall of the building and equipped with rounds not more than fifteen inches apart. The way of egress to such fire escape shall at all times be kept free and clear of obstruction of any kind and nature. Ordinary doors, storm doors and windows shall be considered an

obstruction for the purpose of this act, unless there shall be a glass therein at least twenty-four by thirty-six inches in size, on which there shall be printed in letters at least two inches high the words "fire escape through this door," and such way of egress shall at all times be kept unlocked from the inside and no bars shall be placed across any of the openings filled by such glass. There shall be posted and maintained in a conspicuous place in each hall and in each guest's room except the halls and rooms on the ground floor of such hotel a printed notice in characters not less than two inches high calling attention to and directing the way to such fire escape. The state hotel inspector shall prescribe the form of such notice and the manner in which it shall be posted. Subject to the approval of the state hotel inspector there shall be installed and maintained in a conspicuous place near the fire escape of every hotel a light surrounded by a red globe of at least four inches in diameter.

SEC. 3. That section 6032 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 6032. Every hotel which is two stories in height or which is not provided with such fire escapes as are described in Section 2 hereof, shall provide in every outside bed room or sleeping apartment on any floor where the window of such room is more than twelve feet above the ground a manila rope at least five-eighths of an inch in diameter and of sufficient length to reach the ground, with knots or loops not more than fifteen inches apart, and of sufficient strength to sustain a weight and strain of at least five hundred pounds. Such rope shall be securely fastened to the joist or studding of the building as near the window as practicable and shall be kept coiled and in plain sight at all times, nor shall such rope be covered by curtains or other obstructions. Every such hotel shall provide and maintain in a conspicuous place in every bed room or sleeping apartment above the ground floor a printed notice calling attention to such rope and giving directions for its use: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this section

Rope fire-escapes.

Automatic fire-escapes.

shall be construed to prevent the use of any automatic fire escape, in place of a knotted rope, approved by the state hotel inspector.

SEC. 4. That section 6034 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 6034. Each and every hotel shall be provided with an electric gong or gongs at least nine inches in diameter controlled by automatic switches on each floor having bedrooms which shall be placed in the hallway or hallways in such a position that they will be easy of access and so that its or their ringing can be heard in every room; and means for ringing such gongs shall be provided so that they can be operated both from the office and from the location of each gong, and sufficient power shall be provided so as to keep all of such gongs ringing continuously for at least three minutes after being started.

Fire-gongs.

SEC. 5. That section 6035 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 6035. Every hotel shall furnish each guest with clean linen or cotton individual towels in each room occupied by such guests. A sufficient supply of clean sheets and pillow slips shall be provided for the bed, bunk or cot to be occupied by a guest, and all sheets and pillow slips after being used by one guest must be washed, ironed and dried before being furnished to another guest. Each sheet used shall be at least ninety-nine inches torn off length by eighty-one inches wide for full size beds, and for narrower beds of sufficient width to completely cover the mattress and springs, but no sheet shall be used that measures less than ninety inches in length after being made and laundered: *Provided* That hotels shall be privileged to use sheets now on hand that comply with the present law.

Towels and bedding.

SEC. 6. That section 6038 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 6038. Whenever any room in any hotel shall have been occupied by any person sick with or exposed to any contagious, infectious or communicable disease such room shall be thoroughly fumigated in accordance with

Fumigation and disinfection.

the directions of the local health officer, and all bedding therein thoroughly disinfected before such room shall be occupied by another person. But in any event such room shall not be occupied by any person for at least forty-eight hours after such fumigation and disinfection.

SEC. 7. That section 6048 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 6048. The hotel inspector shall collect an annual inspection fee for each hotel which shall be paid according to the following schedule:

Annual
inspection
fees.

Hotels containing from five to ten sleeping rooms inclusive, three dollars; hotels containing from eleven to twenty sleeping rooms inclusive, four dollars; hotels containing from twenty-one to sixty sleeping rooms inclusive, seven dollars; hotels containing from sixty-one to one hundred sleeping rooms inclusive, ten dollars; hotels containing over one hundred sleeping rooms, twelve dollars and fifty cents. Such fee shall be collected by the inspector at the time of the inspection and if not paid upon demand the inspector or deputy may sue therefor in his own name for the use of the state in the superior court of the state for the county in which such hotel is situated, and in such case the court shall allow and enter as a part of the judgment against the defendant all the costs of such action, including a reasonable fee for any attorney necessarily employed in such action by the inspector. Such inspection fees shall be a lien on the furniture and equipment of the owners or proprietors of the hotel and shall be paramount to all other liens excepting taxes and such furniture and equipment shall not be exempt from execution in the collection thereof. All moneys collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the state treasury in the manner provided by law.

Collection.

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