

CHAPTER 105.

[H. B. 541.]

HOTEL INSPECTIONS—FEES.

AN ACT relating to the inspection of hotels; repealing section 14, chapter 29, Laws of 1909, and amending section 43.22.060, RCW; repealing section 19, chapter 29, Laws of 1909, and section 7, chapter 169, Laws of 1915, and amending section 43.22.110, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14, chapter 29, Laws of 1909, is repealed, and section 43.22.060, RCW, presently derived therefrom and henceforth derived from this act, is amended to read as follows:

Repealing
and amend-
ment clause.

The director, through the division of safety, shall see that every hotel is inspected at least annually. The director, supervisor, or authorized representative, are given police power to enter any hotel at reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection. As used in RCW 43.22.070 through 43.22.110, the words "inspector" and "hotel inspector" mean the authorized representative of the director.

Inspections.

He shall keep a complete set of books, showing the condition of each hotel inspected, the name of the owner, proprietor, and manager, the number and condition of its fire escapes and any other information which might serve to better the public service. The books shall be open to public inspection.

Record.

SEC. 2. Section 19, chapter 29, Laws of 1909, and section 7, chapter 169, Laws of 1915, amendatory thereof, are each repealed, and section 43.22.110, RCW, presently derived therefrom and henceforth derived from this act, is amended to read as follows:

Repealing
and amend-
ment clause.

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

Inspection
fees.

Hotels containing from five to ten sleeping rooms inclusive, three dollars; hotels containing from

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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.

When
collected.

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 the 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 the action, including a reasonable fee for any attorney necessarily employed in such action by the inspector.

Lien.

Such inspection fees shall be a lien on the furniture and equipment of the owner 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.

Disposition
of.

All moneys collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury in the manner provided by law.

Passed the House March 1, 1953.

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Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.