

CHAPTER 131.

[S. B. No. 211.]

FOR THE PROTECTION OF HOTELS, RESTAURANTS,
LODGING HOUSES, ETC., AGAINST FRAUD.AN ACT for the protection of hotel, boarding house, restaurant,
and lodging house keepers, and providing a penalty.*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*Failure to
pay—penal-
ty therefor.

SECTION 1. A person who obtains any food, lodging or accommodation at a hotel, boarding house, restaurant, or lodging house, without paying therefor, with intent to defraud the proprietor or manager thereof, or who obtains credit at a hotel, boarding house, or lodging house by the use of false pretense, or who after obtaining board, lodging or accommodations at a hotel, boarding house, restaurant, or lodging house, absconds or surreptitiously removes his baggage therefrom without paying for his food, lodging or accommodation, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

Proof of
fraudulent
intent.

SEC. 2. Proof that lodging, food or other accommodation was obtained by false pretense or by false or fictitious sham or pretense of any baggage or other property, or that the person refused or neglected to pay for such food, lodging or other accommodation on demand, or that he gave in payment for such food, lodging or other accommodation bank check or draft on which payment was refused, or that he absconded without paying or offering to pay for such food, lodging or other accommodation, or that he surreptitiously removed or attempted to remove his baggage shall be prima facie proof of the fraudulent intent mentioned in section 1.

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