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CHAPTER 7

DANCES

Sec.

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§ 161. Licenses and fees

No public dances at which minors are admitted shall be held in any pavilion, hall or other building unless there shall be on hand at all times, when such dances are being held, an officer of the law, and unless there shall be in such pavilion, hall or other building separate toilets for men and women.

Whoever desires to use any building or parts thereof for dancing purposes, either habitually or occasionally, shall make application to the Insurance Commissioner for a license for dancing in such building or parts thereof and upon receipt of said application the Insurance Commissioner shall inspect or cause to be inspected such building as to its entrances, exits, fire escapes and structural safety. If as a result of such inspection he is convinced that the specifications provided are fully complied with and that the entrances, exits and fire escapes and structural safety of such buildings are in accordance with law and regulations, he may issue a license to the person desiring to use such building or parts thereof for dancing, which license shall name the owner and name of the hall, the operator and capacity of the same. A fee for such license not exceeding \$10 shall be fixed by the Insurance Commissioner and said fee shall lie to the town in which said building is located. The Insurance Commissioner will promulgate the necessary rules and regulations relative to fire protection, fire prevention and structural accident prevention governing such buildings and the Insurance Commissioner may revoke such license when evidence is presented sufficient to prove that such building licensed for dancing is being conducted in a manner not consistent with the public safety. The Insurance Commissioner shall in the case of social, fraternal, charitable, religious and educational organizations, where the proceeds of admission fees are to be devoted to the use of said organization, waive the license fee. This section shall not apply to those cities and towns which have building codes, if the building code requirements with respect to places used for dancing are equivalent to the requirements of this section and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 57.

§ 162. Violations

Whoever, being an owner, lessee, tenant or licensee of a pavilion, hall or other building, in which a dance is held in violation of any restriction imposed by section 161, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 58; 1963, c. 402, § 131.