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HOUSE

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN.

AN ACT relating to inspection of Hotels, Inns, and Rooming
Houses.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created the office of Hotel
2 Commissioner in the State of Maine, for which the usual
3 facilities in transacting its business shall be furnished the
4 same as for other executive departments of the State Gov-
5 ernment.

Sect. 2. The Hotel Commissioner shall be appointed by
2 the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the
3 Council, and shall receive a salary of one thousand eight
4 hundred (\$1800) dollars per annum and necessary expenses
5 incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act, payable

6 quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and Oc-
7 tober. He shall furnish a bond to be approved by the Gov-
8 ernor, running to the State of Maine, in the sum of two
9 thousand (\$2000) dollars, and shall hold office at the pleas-
10 ure of the Governor.

Sect. 3. The Hotel Commissioner shall furnish applica-
2 tion blanks for licenses as per provisions of Section 10 of
3 this act. He shall see that inspections of Hotels, Inns and
4 Rooming Houses are made as per provisions of Section 27
5 of this act. He is hereby granted police power to enter or
6 have access to any Hotel, Inn or Rooming House at rea-
7 sonable hours, to determine whether the provisions of this
8 act are being complied with. If it shall be ascertained up-
9 on inspection that any individual, association of individuals,
10 firm or corporation, at any time after two years from the
11 passage of this act, is conducting a Hotel, Inn or Rooming
12 House, in violation of the provisions of this act, it shall be
13 the duty of the Hotel Commissioner to make complaint and
14 cause the arrest of the individual, or of the member of the
15 association of individuals, or of the partner in the firm, or
16 of the officer of the corporation, so conducting such Hotel,
17 Inn, or Rooming House. He shall assist in the enforce-
18 ment of any orders promulgated by the State Board of
19 Health relating to Hotels, Inns, or Rooming Houses. He
20 shall keep a complete set of books for public use and in-
21 spection, showing the conditions of each Hotel, Inn and
22 Rooming House inspected, as regards sanitation, number

23 of sleeping rooms, number and condition of its fire escapes,
24 together with the names of the owners, proprietors and
25 managers thereof, and any other information for the bet-
26 terment of the public service. He shall keep a true and
27 accurate account of all expenses incurred in carrying out
28 the provisions of this act, together with a true and accurate
29 statement of all fees collected from applicants for Hotel,
30 Inn and Rooming House Licenses, and quarterly he shall
31 file sworn and itemized statements of said expenses and
32 fees with the State Auditor. He shall have power and it
33 shall be his duty to issue upon proper application all Hotel,
34 Inn and Rooming House Licenses provided for in this act,
35 to the applicant or applicants therefor. He is hereby author-
36 ized and required to take such action and to make such rules
37 and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions
38 of this act, in accordance with its true purposes and intent.

Sect. 4. No Hotel Commissioner, or agent thereof, shall
2 accept any free entertainment, fee or emolument from any
3 individual, association of individuals, firm or corporation
4 conducting or financially interested in the conducting of a
5 Hotel, Inn or Rooming House in this State. Any Hotel
6 Commissioner, or any agent thereof, who shall accept or re-
7 ceive such entertainment, fee or emolument, and any indi-
8 vidual, conducting or financially interested in the conduct-
9 ing of any such Hotel, Inn, or Rooming House, who shall
10 offer, or cause to be offered, such entertainment, fee or
11 emolument, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and

12 shall be subject to imprisonment for not less than ten nor
13 more than sixty days.

Sect. 5. Every building or other structure, and all build-
2 ings in connection therewith, used, maintained, or held out
3 to the public to be a place where eating and sleeping ac-
4 commodations are offered for pay to transient or other
5 guests, and in which fifteen or more sleeping rooms, and
6 one or more dining rooms or cafes are used for the accom-
7 modation of such guests, said sleeping and eating accom-
8 modations being offered under the same management, and
9 being in the same building or other structure, or in build-
10 ings connected therewith, shall for the purpose of this act
11 be deemed a Hotel; and only such above described build-
12 ings shall for the purpose of this act be deemed a Hotel or
13 have the right to use the name Hotel.

Sect. 6. Every building or other structure, and all build-
2 ings used in connection therewith, used, maintained, or held
3 out to the public to be a place where eating and sleeping
4 accommodations are offered for pay to transient or other
5 guests, and in which fourteen or less sleeping rooms and
6 one or more dining rooms or cafes are used for the ac-
7 commodation of such guests, said sleeping and eating ac-
8 commodations being offered under the same management,
9 and being in the same building or other structure, or in
10 buildings connected therewith, shall for the purpose of this
11 act be deemed an Inn, and shall not have the right to use
12 the name Hotel or Rooming House.

Sect. 7. Every building or other structure, and all buildings in connection therewith, used, maintained, or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished for pay, to transient or permanent guests, and containing fifteen or more rooms used for such accommodations but in which no dining room or cafe is run under the same management, shall for the purpose of this act, be deemed a Rooming House, and shall not have the right to use the name Hotel or Inn.

Sect. 8. Commencing June 1st, 1913, and on the first day of each succeeding June, every individual or association of individuals, firm or corporation, now engaged in the business of maintaining or conducting a Hotel, Inn or Rooming House, and every individual or association of individuals, firm or corporation, which shall hereafter engage in conducting such business, in this State, shall procure from the Hotel Commissioner, for each Hotel, Inn or Rooming House, so conducted or proposed to be conducted, a Hotel-keeper's, Innkeeper's or Rooming house keeper's license, as the case may be. Such license shall take the place of an Innholder's license as provided in Chapter 29, Section 1, of the Revised Statutes of Maine. Every such license shall be non-transferable, shall expire on the first day of June next following its issuance, and shall be revoked for the maintenance of the licensed premises, in any way contrary to law, either by the licensee or his or its authorized agent.

And no Hotel, Inn, or Rooming House shall be maintained

19 or conducted in this State after June 1, 1913, without a
20 license as herein provided.

Sect. 9. The fee for a license to conduct a Hotel, Inn or
2 Rooming House in this State, shall be Two Dollars, which
3 shall be paid before said license is issued, to the Hotel Com-
4 missioner, who shall on the first day of each January, April,
5 July and October, pay into the State Treasury, all fees col-
6 lected for licenses issued during the preceding months.

Sect. 10. The Hotel Commissioner shall, upon request
2 therefor, furnish to every individual or association of in-
3 dividuals, firm or corporation desiring to conduct a Hotel,
4 Inn or Rooming House in this State, the necessary applica-
5 tion blank for a license, which the applicant shall fill in,
6 stating the full name and address of the owner, or agent
7 and lessee of the building, or both, and the full name and
8 address of the manager and proprietor of such Hotel, Inn
9 or Rooming House, together with a full description of the
10 building and property to be used for such business, and
11 stating the location of same, which application, upon its re-
12 turn to the Hotel Commissioner, shall be accompanied by
13 the license fee of Two Dollars. Upon receipt of proper
14 applications in writing, together with legal license fees, the
15 Hotel Commissioner shall issue the proper licenses to such
16 applicants as shall have complied with all legal require-
17 ments.

Sect. 11. Every Hotel and Inn in this State shall be pro-
2 vided with a washroom easy of access to its guests, and in

3 said washroom within view and reach of guests shall keep
4 a supply of clean individual towels during the regular meal
5 hours, or if no regular meal hours are observed, then be-
6 tween the hours of 6.30 and 9.30 o'clock A. M., 11.30 o'clock
7 A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., and 6 and 8 o'clock P. M. Said
8 individual towels shall be not less than thirteen inches in
9 width and sixteen inches in length. Said Hotels and Inns
10 shall furnish each guest in every bedroom and at all times
11 with an individual cake of soap, and at least two clean tow-
12 els of not less than seventeen inches in width and thirty-two
13 inches in length. All such towels shall be so supplied both
14 in public washrooms and in bedrooms of such Hotels and
15 Inns that no two guests will be obliged to use the same tow-
16 el unless it has first been laundered. All roller paper tow-
17 els shall for the purpose of this act be deemed individual
18 towels. After the passage of this act, no such Hotels or
19 Inns shall make use of any cloth roller towels in washrooms
20 at the disposal of guests.

Sect. 12. Every Hotel, Inn and Rooming House in this
2 State shall hereafter provide each bed used for guests with
3 spring and mattress, and shall furnish every such bed, to-
4 gether with cots or other sleeping places used for guests in
5 cases of emergency, with pillow slips and under and top
6 sheets, such sheets to be made of white cotton or linen not
7 less than ninety-nine inches in length including hems, and
8 of sufficient width to completely cover the mattress and
9 springs, provided no sheet shall be used which measures

10 less than ninety inches in length including hems and after
11 being laundered, except sheets on cots or other sleeping
12 places used for guests only temporarily and in cases of
13 emergency. All such sheets and pillow slips, after being
14 used by one guest, must be washed and ironed before they
15 are used by another guest, and a clean set must be furnished
16 each succeeding guest.

All bedding, including mattresses, pillows, pillow slips,
18 blankets and sheets used in any Hotel, Inn or Rooming
19 House in this State, must be regularly and thoroughly aired,
20 disinfected and kept clean. No such bedding shall be used
21 which is worn out or for any other reason unfit for further
22 use. Six months after the passage of this act no mattress
23 shall be used on any bed for guests in any such Hotel, Inn
24 or Rooming House, if made of moss, seagrass, excelsior,
25 husks or shoddy. Three months after the passage of this
26 act no comforts, puffs or quilts shall be used on any bed for
27 guests in any such Hotel, Inn, or Rooming House, except
28 puffs, quilts or comforts made of down.

Sect. 13. Every room in every Hotel, Inn, or Rooming
2 House in this State which shall have been occupied by any
3 person having a contagious or infectious disease, shall be
4 thoroughly fumigated and all bedding therein thoroughly
5 disinfected before such room or rooms shall be occupied by
6 any other person. And any room in any Hotel, Inn or
7 Rooming House in this State infested with vermin or bed-
8 bugs shall be thoroughly and successively fumigated, dis-

9 infected and renovated so long as occasion shall demand.
10 Provided that no such room or rooms shall in any event be
11 opened to the use of guests for at least forty-eight hours
12 after such fumigation or disinfection.

Sect. 14. All pitchers and glasses when used by any guest,
2 in the sleeping rooms, in any Hotel, Inn or Rooming House
3 in this State, shall be thoroughly cleansed with hot water
4 and dried with towels used solely for drying dishes, at least
5 once each day, and at such further intervals that each suc-
6 cessive guest, occupying such sleeping rooms, shall be fur-
7 nished with pitchers and glasses so cleansed and dried, sub-
8 sequent to their use by the previous guest. Any person
9 violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a
10 misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of ten dollars
11 for each offense.

Sect. 15. No ashes from any hotel, Inn or Rooming
2 House in this State, shall be deposited or kept in or adja-
3 cent thereto, unless placed in a tight metal container or con-
4 tainers, with tight metal covers thereon, or in separate
5 rooms or vaults constructed of stone, brick or cement.

Sect. 16. All buildings of three or more stories in this
2 State which shall hereafter be erected or remodelled and
3 converted for use as Hotels, Inns or Rooming Houses, must
4 be so constructed by the owners, contractors or builders,
5 that one main hall on each floor above the ground floor, shall
6 run to a window or door, or to both, in the outside wall or
7 walls.

Section 17. No Hotel, Inn or Rooming House in this State shall use any room for a sleeping room unless it contains at least one window, opening to the outside of the building or to airshafts, lightwells or courts. In any building hereafter erected or converted for use as a Hotel, Inn or Rooming House, no room shall be used for a sleeping room unless it contains at least one window, opening to the outside of the building, or to airshafts, lightwells or courts; and each sleeping room in such buildings containing only one window shall also contain at least one lattice door, or one door with a transom as wide as the door, opening into the hallway; and every sleeping room in each Hotel, Inn or Rooming House in this State, shall contain a clothes closet or accommodations for hanging clothing, and shall be furnished with at least two chairs.

Sect. 18. Every Hotel, Inn and Rooming House in this State shall be fully equipped with a system of plumbing and drainage constructed according to approved sanitary principles, shall be amply and properly lighted both with natural light in the daytime and with artificial light at night, shall be properly ventilated and shall be conducted in every respect with strict regard to the health and comfort of guests.

Section 19. Every Hotel, Inn and Rooming House in this State when located in cities, towns or villages having a public system of waterworks and sewerage, shall within six months after the passage of this act, be equipped with at

5 least one suitable water closet, on each floor, for the accom-
6 modation of guests; and separate apartments, properly des-
7 igned, shall be provided for both sexes. Such closets
8 shall be connected by a system of proper and sanitary plumb-
9 ing, with the public sewerage system, and shall be supplied
10 with means of flushing with the water of said system in
11 such manner as to prevent sewer gas or effluvia from aris-
12 ing therefrom. All lavatories, bath-tubs, sinks, drains,
13 closets and urinals in such Hotels, Inns and Rooming
14 Houses, must be connected and equipped in a similar man-
15 ner both as to methods and time, and at all times must be
16 kept clean and sanitary.

Every closet and urinal, in such Hotels, Inns or Rooming
2 Houses, not in the nature of a private closet or urinal, but
3 open to the general use of all guests in such Hotel, Inn or
4 Rooming House, shall be flushed daily with a disinfectant
5 to be approved by the State Board of Health.

Sect. 20. Every Hotel, Inn or Rooming House in this
2 State located in cities, towns or villages having no public
3 system of water works shall be provided with privies prop-
4 erly constructed over vaults, for the accommodation of
5 guests. Such privies shall be properly heated from the first
6 of every November to the first of every April, between the
7 hours of 6 o'clock A. M. and 10 o'clock P. M., shall be kept
8 clean and sanitary at all times, and during the summer all
9 doors or windows opening or leading into said privies shall
10 be screened with wire mesh screening. Separate apart-

11 ments, properly designated, shall be provided for both sexes.

Sect. 21. Each and every Hotel or Inn, and each and
2 every Rooming House containing fifteen or more sleeping
3 rooms in this State, shall be provided with a gong at least
4 eight inches in diameter on each floor, which shall be placed
5 in the hallway in such a position that it will be easy of ac-
6 cess and so that its ringing can be heard in every room, and
7 means for ringing such gongs shall be provided which may
8 be operated from the office, and which shall be sufficient to
9 keep all of said gongs ringing continuously for at least
10 three minutes after being started.

Sect. 22. Each and every Hotel, Inn or Rooming House
2 in this State, one, two and three stories high, shall be pro-
3 vided with one fire extinguisher of a style and size approved
4 by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, on each floor
5 containing 2,500 square feet of floor area, and one addi-
6 tional fire extinguisher on each floor for each 2,500 square
7 feet or less of additional floor area. Such extinguisher or
8 extinguishers shall be placed in a convenient location in a
9 public hall-way, and shall always be in a condition for use.
10 Any person or persons who shall tamper with such fire ex-
11 tinguishers, without express permission from the owner or
12 owners thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
13 be subject to imprisonment for not less than five nor more
14 than thirty days.

Sect. 23. Every Hotel, Inn or Rooming House in this
2 State shall keep at all times a candle with holder in each

3 sleeping room with the words on each holder, or on a print-
4 ed card fastened to the wall near by, "To be used only in
5 case of fire or other emergency."

Any person using or destroying such a candle or removing
7 such a candle from its customary location, (except in case
8 of fire or other emergency,) without the knowledge or con-
9 sent of the manager or proprietor of such Hotel, Inn or
10 Rooming House shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,
11 and shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars nor
12 more than fifty dollars or to imprisonment for not less than
13 five days, nor more than thirty days or both.

Sect. 24. On the inside of every building now used for a
2 Hotel, Inn or Rooming House in this State, unless already
3 containing two standpipes three inches in diameter, and in
4 every such building hereafter erected for such use, if it be
5 four or more stories in height and contain fifty or more
6 sleeping rooms, there shall be at least two standpipes, under
7 water pressure, of not less than four inches in diameter,
8 equipped with long bend fittings and connected directly with
9 the street main. Such standpipes shall be located in such
10 parts of the hallways as not to be near elevator shafts or
11 stairways, shall be so spaced that fire in any room can be
12 quickly reached by at least one first aid fire stream, and on
13 each floor shall have two hose valves and connections, one
14 for a one and one-half inch hose and another conforming
15 to the size of the hose used by the local fire department, the
16 latter to be provided with hose threads interchangeable with

17 those of the said fire department. There shall at all times
18 be attached to such standpipes on each floor, at least one
19 linen hose one and one-half inches in diameter and of suffi-
20 cient length to reach any room on the floor where it is at-
21 tached: Provided that no hose so used shall exceed sixty
22 feet in length. Every such hose shall be provided with
23 brass coupling and with a composition metal nozzle, at least
24 eight inches in length and tapering to a discharge orifice of
25 not less than one-half nor more than three-quarters of an
26 inch in diameter. Every such hose shall be attached to
27 valves at the standpipe and stored on hose racks securely
28 fastened in position and so designed that the water can be
29 turned on without disturbing the hose or preventing it from
30 being pulled off and laid without further attention to the
31 controlling valve. Any person tampering with or remov-
32 ing such hose from its customary location without the ex-
33 press permission of the owner or owners thereof shall be
34 guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of
35 not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or to
36 imprisonment for not less than five nor more than thirty
37 days, or both. Provided, however, that this section shall
38 not apply in cities, towns or villages, having no waterworks
39 and fire-fighting equipment for making use of said stand-
40 pipe and shall not require the use of a standpipe which
41 would not conform in size to the water service of the local
42 water system.

Section 25. Within six months after the passage of this
2 act, every Hotel, Inn or Rooming House in this State which
3 is three stories high or over shall be equipped with an iron
4 stairway, fire escape or fire escapes on the outside of the
5 building, connecting with openings from each floor above
6 the ground floor, which shall be well fastened and secured,
7 and with landings not less than six feet in length and three
8 feet in width, guarded by an iron railing not less than thirty
9 inches in height. Such landings shall be connected by iron
10 stairs not less than two feet wide with steps not less than
11 six inches tread and placed at an angle of not more than
12 forty-five degrees. Provided, however, that a spiral fire
13 escape guarded by a railing not less than thirty inches high
14 with stairs measuring not less than twenty-four inches wide
15 on the outside edge, having not less than six inches tread
16 and placed at an angle of not more than forty-five degrees
17 shall meet all the requirements of this section. Provided,
18 also, that no iron stairway or spiral fire escape on any hotel,
19 Inn or Rooming House, coming within the requirements of
20 this section, at the time of the passage of this act, shall be
21 condemned if such stairway or spiral fire escape shall com-
22 ply in substance with the specifications of this section and
23 shall be deemed by the Hotel Inspector a suitable and effi-
24 cient fire escape within the intents and purposes of this act.
25 All treads and landings on all fire escapes required by this
26 section shall be constructed of iron bars set on edge. All
27 such fire escapes shall be placed where the Hotel Commis-

28 sioner directs, and in every possible case shall be so con-
29 structed as not to cross any window or windows between
30 landings. If there are more than fifteen sleeping rooms on
31 each floor, above the second floor, there shall be provided
32 one such described fire escape for each additional fifteen
33 sleeping rooms on each floor. The way of egress to such
34 fire escapes shall, at all times, be kept free and clear of any
35 and all obstructions of any and every nature, and at every
36 opening to every such fire escape a red light shall be kept
37 burning at night. There shall be posted and maintained in
38 conspicuous places in each hall and each guest room, except
39 in the hall and rooms on the ground floor of such Hotel, Inn
40 or Rooming House, plainly written notices reading, "Fire
41 escapes are indicated by red lights." And every such Ho-
42 tel, Inn or Rooming House less than four stories high and
43 having less than fifteen sleeping rooms on the third floor,
44 shall have hallways placarded to indicate all stairways and
45 exits and shall keep a five-eighths inch knotted rope of suf-
46 ficient length to reach the ground in each outside room,
47 above the ground floor. Such rope shall be fastened six
48 feet above the floor near a window and in such a substantial
49 manner that it shall be able to sustain at least five hundred
50 pounds weight.

Provided, further, that nothing in this section will be con-
52 structed to prevent the use of any automatic rope fire escape,
53 in place of the knotted rope.

Sect. 26. In every Hotel or Rooming House in this State, 2 containing fifty or more rooms and being four or more 3 stories high, the proprietor or manager of such Hotel or 4 Rooming House shall employ and keep at least one competent watchman whose duty it shall be to keep watch and 5 guard against fire in such Hotel or Rooming House, between the hours of 9 o'clock P. M. and 6 o'clock A. M., 6 daily, and in case of fire to instantly awaken each guest and 7 all other persons therein and inform them of such fire. 8

Sect. 27. The Hotel Commissioner shall see to it that 2 every Hotel, Inn and Rooming House in this State is inspected at least once each year, and shall furthermore see 3 to it that additional inspections of any such Hotels, Inns, 4 or Rooming Houses are made upon written complaint presented by any citizen of the State of Maine. Whenever 5 upon any such inspection, it shall be found that any such 6 Hotels, Inns or Rooming Houses are not equipped or conducted in accordance with the provisions of this act, he shall 7 thereupon notify the owner, agent or lessee of the building 8 or buildings or the proprietor or manager of the business 9 conducted therein, either one or all of them as the case may 10 require, of such changes as may be necessary to effect a 11 complete compliance with the provisions of this act, setting 12 forth in the notice the number or numbers of the section 13 or sections of this act uncomplied with. It shall thereupon 14 become the duty of such owner, agent or lessee, and of such 15 proprietor or manager, either one or both, to effect such 16 17 18

19 changes in the building, or premises, as may be necessary to
20 work a full compliance with the provisions of this act; Pro-
21 vided that thirty days after the receipt of such notice shall
22 be allowed for conforming to the requirements of Sections
23 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 26 of this act, and sixty days
24 for conforming to the requirements of Sections 12, 16, 17,
25 18, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 of this act; and provided further
26 that the proprietor or manager of the business conducted
27 in said building or buildings shall not be compelled to com-
28 ply with the requirements of Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24
29 and 25 of this act, whenever the notice herein provided for,
30 together with criminal process can be served upon the own-
31 er or owners of said building or buildings, or in case of the
32 impossibility of such service, then upon the lessee or lessees
33 of said building or buildings, who in such case shall be re-
34 sponsible for a full compliance with said last mentioned
35 sections.

Sect. 28. Any person or persons removing from any Ho-
2 tel, Inn or Rooming House in this State, without the per-
3 mission of the owner or manager thereof, any bedding, tow-
4 els, soap, crockery, silverware, brushes, combs, or anything
5 in the nature of Hotel, Inn or Rooming House furnishings
6 or supplies, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
7 subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than
8 one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for not less than
9 thirty nor more than ninety days, or both.

Sect. 29. Every individual or association of individuals, 2 firm or corporation failing or refusing to comply with the 3 provisions of Sections 8 to 22 inclusive and Sections 24 to 4 26 inclusive, and whose duty it is to comply with the provis- 5 ions of said sections, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and 6 shall be subject to a fine of five dollars for each and every 7 day's refusal or failure to so comply; and if for thirty days 8 after final conviction of a misdemeanor within the meaning 9 of the terms of this act, such failure or refusal to comply 10 with the sections mentioned in the notice referred to in Sec- 11 tion 27 still continues, the building or buildings and prem- 12 ises involved may be closed for use as a Hotel, Inn or 13 Rooming House, upon five days' notice to be given by the 14 Hotel Commissioner, and may be kept closed until all the 15 provisions of this act shall be complied with.

Sect. 30. Any owner, agent or lessee of any building in 2 this State used for a Hotel, Inn, or Rooming House, and 3 any proprietor or manager of any Hotel, Inn or Room- 4 ing House, who shall obstruct or hinder any Hotel Com- 5 missioner in the proper discharge of his duties under this 6 act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction 7 thereof, shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor 8 more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or shall be im- 9 prisoned in the County Jail for not less than ten days, nor 10 more than ninety days, or both.

Sect. 31. Any Hotel Commissioner who shall wilfully fail 2 in any instance to exercise the power vested in him for the

3 enforcement of the provisions of this act, or who shall
4 knowingly issue a Hotel, Inn or Rooming House license to
5 any person, association, firm or corporation in this State,
6 when such person, association, firm or corporation has not
7 complied with the provisions of this act, shall, upon convic-
8 tion thereof be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor
9 more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or shall be im-
10 prisoned for a term not exceeding one year in the County
11 Jail, and upon such conviction shall be forever disqualified
12 as a Hotel Commissioner.

Sect. 32. The service of all notices provided for in this
2 act shall be made by the Hotel Commissioner, either by per-
3 sonal delivery, or by registered letter to the owner, agent or
4 lessee of the building or buildings and premises, or to the
5 proprietor or manager, (either one or both,) of such Hotels,
6 Inns, or Rooming Houses.

Sect. 23. All acts or parts of acts relating to Innholders'
2 and Victualers' Licenses, in Chapter 29 of the Revised
3 Statutes of Maine, together with all acts or parts of acts
4 relating to fire escapes in Chapter 28 of the Revised Stat-
5 utes of Maine and amendments thereof contained in the
6 Public Laws of Maine for 1909, shall not apply to Hotels,
7 Inns or Rooming Houses as defined in this act.