

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 88

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*In Senate, Jan. 24, 1913.*

*Came from the House referred to the Committee on Public Health and on motion by Senator Bailey of Penobscot laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT limiting and defining the liability of innkeepers.

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

Section 1. Whenever the proprietor of any hotel or inn  
2 shall provide a safe in the office, or other convenient place  
3 in such hotel for the safe-keeping of any securities, money,  
4 jewelry, watches, ornaments or other valuables belonging to  
5 the guests of such hotel or inn, and shall notify the guests  
6 by posting a notice stating the fact that such safe is provided  
7 in which such property may be deposited, in a public and  
8 conspicuous place and manner in said office and in the sleep-  
9 ing rooms of such guests, and any such guest shall neglect

10 to deliver such property to the person in charge of such of-  
11 fice for deposit in such safe, the proprietor, lessee or owner  
12 of such hotel shall not be liable for any loss of such property  
13 sustained by such guest by theft or otherwise; but no hotel  
14 proprietor, lessee or owner shall be obliged to receive prop-  
15 erty on deposit for safekeeping exceeding five hundred dol-  
16 lars (\$500.00) in value; and if such guest or traveler shall  
17 deliver such money, jewels or ornaments to the person in  
18 charge of such office, for deposit in such safe, said proprie-  
19 tor, manager, lessee or owner shall not be liable for any loss  
20 thereof, sustained by such guest or traveler by theft or oth-  
21 erwise in any sum exceeding the sum of three hundred dol-  
22 lars (\$300.00) unless by special agreement in writing with  
23 such proprietor, manager, lessee or owner.

Sect. 2. No hotel-keeper or inn-keeper shall be liable to  
2 any guest for the loss of goods or merchandise for any sum  
3 exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00), except as pro-  
4 vided in section one of this act; nor shall he be liable in any  
5 sum for the loss of any chattel belonging to such guest and  
6 not within a room assigned to him, unless the same shall be  
7 specially entrusted to the care and custody of such hotel-  
8 keeper or his servants by having the same property checked  
9 provided suitable accommodations are furnished by said ho-  
10 tel-keeper for the checking of such property, unless said loss  
11 shall occur through the wilful negligence or misconduct of  
12 said proprietor or his employee.