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Legislature

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CHAP. 100

Chapter 100.

An Act to Amend Section Ninety-nine of Chapter Forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Special Insurance Brokers.

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

Section 99 of Chap. 49 R. S. amended.

Insurance com'r. may issue licenses to special insurance brokers.

—conditions upon which insurance may be procured.

—licensees shall keep account of business done and report to insurance com'r.

—shall give bond.

Section ninety-nine of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Section 99. The insurance commissioner may annually issue licenses to citizens of this state, already agents of one or more duly authorized fire insurance companies, subject to revocation at any time, permitting the person named therein to procure policies of fire insurance on property in this state in foreign insurance companies not authorized to transact business in this state. Before the person named in such a license shall procure any insurance in such companies on any property in this state he shall in every case, execute and file with the insurance commissioner an affidavit that he is unable to procure, in companies admitted to do business in the state, the amount of insurance necessary to protect said property, and shall only procure insurance under such license after he has procured insurance in companies admitted to do business in this state, to the full amount which said companies are willing to write on said property; provided, that such licensed person shall not be required to offer any portion of such insurance to any company which is not possessed of cash assets amounting to at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or one which has, within the preceding twelve months, been in an impaired condition. Each person so licensed shall keep a separate account of the business done under the license, a certified copy of which account he shall forthwith file with the insurance commissioner, showing the exact amount of such insurance placed for any person, firm or corporation, the gross premium charged thereon, the companies in which the same is placed, the date of the policies and the term thereof, and also a report in the same detail of all such policies canceled, and the gross return premiums thereon, and before receiving such license shall execute and deliver to the treasurer of state a bond in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, with such sureties as the governor and council shall approve, with a condition that the licensee will faithfully comply with all the requirements of this section, and will file with the treasurer of state, in January of each year, a sworn statement of the gross premiums charged for insurance procured or placed and the gross returned premiums on such insurance canceled under such license during the year ending on the thirty-first

day of December next preceding, and at the time of filing such statement will pay into the treasury of state a sum equal to two per cent of such gross premiums, less such returned premiums so reported.' CHAP. 101

Approved March 25, 1913.

Chapter 101.

An Act Limiting and Defining the Liabilities of Keepers of Hotels, Inns and Boarding Houses.

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

Section 1. No innkeeper, hotel keeper or boarding house keeper whether individual, partnership or corporation, who constantly has in his inn or hotel or boarding house a metal safe or suitable vault in good order, and fit for the custody of money, bank notes, jewelry, articles of gold and silver manufacture, precious stones, personal ornaments, railroad mileage books or tickets, negotiable or valuable papers, and bullion, and who keeps on the doors of the sleeping rooms used by guests suitable locks or bolts, and on the transoms and windows of said rooms suitable fastenings, and who keeps a copy of this section printed in distinct type, constantly and conspicuously posted in not less than ten conspicuous places in all in said hotel or inn, shall be liable for the loss or injury suffered by any guest, unless such guest has offered to deliver the same to such innkeeper, hotelkeeper or boarding house for custody in such metal safe or vault, and such innkeeper, hotelkeeper or boarding house keeper has omitted or refused to take it and deposit it in such safe or vault for custody and to give such guest a receipt therefor. Provided, however, that the keeper of any inn, hotel or boarding house shall not be obliged to receive from any one guest for deposit in such safe or vault any property hereinbefore described exceeding a total value of three hundred dollars, and shall not be liable for any excess of such property, whether received or not.

Liability of hotelkeepers, etc., defined.

limit of liability fixed.

Section 2. But such innkeeper, hotelkeeper or boarding house keeper may by special arrangement with a guest receive for deposit in such safe or vault any property upon such terms as they may agree to in writing, but every innkeeper, hotelkeeper or boarding house keeper shall be liable for any loss of the above enumerated articles of a guest in his inn, hotel or boarding house after said articles have been accepted for deposit if caused by the theft or negligence of the innkeeper, ho-

Special arrangement may be made to receive deposits.