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A. B. WRIGHT,
Acting Governor.
7th August, 1943.

AN ORDINANCE to control charges made for sleeping
accommodation.

[12th August, 1943.]

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ENACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago
with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council
thereof.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Sleeping Short title.
Accommodation (Control of Charges) Ordinance, 1943.

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Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Ordinance—

No. 13 of 1941.

“ Board ” means the Rent Assessment Board constituted under the Rent Restriction Ordinance, 1941, for the area in which any sleeping accommodation is situated ;

“ charge ” means a charge for the occupation of sleeping accommodation, whether inclusive of any service or facilities provided therewith or not, and also a separate charge for any such services or facilities ;

“ sleeping accommodation ” means accommodation permitted or intended by one person (in this Ordinance referred to as “ the owner ”) to be occupied under contract or otherwise for reward by another person (in this Ordinance referred to as “ the occupier ”) mainly for sleeping purposes together with the services or facilities (if any,) provided therewith ; but does not include premises the rent or charges for the use or occupation of which are controlled under the Rent Restriction Ordinance, 1941, or under the Rent Restriction (Serviced Premises) Ordinance, 1943.

No. 10 of 1943.

Charges to be
approved by
the Board.

3. (1) The owner or occupier of any sleeping accommodation may at any time apply to the Board to approve the charges relating to that accommodation or to approve revised charges in place of the charges previously approved.

(2) The Board shall not approve a charge unless in the opinion of the Board it is reasonable and shall revise a charge on due application if in the opinion of the Board it has ceased to be reasonable.

(3) The Board may permit all or any sleeping accommodation in any building, or on any premises, being accommodation of which one person is the owner; to be dealt with in one application.

(4) Section 6 of the Rent Restriction Ordinance, 1941, shall apply in relation to applications under this section.

4. If any sleeping accommodation shall, after the 1st of September, 1943, be occupied as such, or continue to be occupied as such, without the charge therefor having been approved by the Board or at a charge greater than an approved charge, the owner thereof shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance: Provided the owner shall not be guilty of an offence as aforesaid by reason of a charge not having been approved if an application to approve the charge has been made and is pending.

Charges to conform to those approved.

5. The owner of any sleeping accommodation shall at all times cause the charges approved by the Board to be exhibited conspicuously at the place where the accommodation is situated, and, if he shall contravene or fail to comply with this section, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Charge to be exhibited.

6. The owner of any sleeping accommodation shall not, as a condition of permitting the occupation or continued occupation thereof after the charges have been approved by the Board, require the payment of any fine, premium, or other like sum, or the giving of any consideration in addition to the charges approved by the Board, and where any such payment or consideration shall be made or given, the amount or value thereof shall be recoverable by the person by whom it was made or given or his personal representative. The owner of any sleeping accommodation who shall contravene or fail to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance and the court in which the conviction is obtained may order him to repay the amount or value of the same to the person from whom it was received.

Restriction on demand of premiums.

7. No charge for sleeping accommodation in excess of that approved by the Board shall be recoverable and any excess paid shall be repayable to the person who paid it.

Charge in excess of tariff to be irrecoverable.

8. Any person who shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of four hundred and eighty dollars or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment, or, if such person is a corporation, shall be liable to a fine of one thousand two hundred dollars.

Penalty.

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Limitation of
prosecution.

9. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, summary proceedings for an offence against this Ordinance may be commenced at any time within two years from the date on which the offence was committed.

Passed in Council this thirtieth day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

W. J. BOOS,
Clerk of the Council.

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