

HOTEL PROPRIETORS ACT

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(2) The proprietor of an hotel shall not be liable to make good to any guests any loss of or damage to, or have any lien on, any vehicle or any property left in such vehicle or any live animal or its harness or other equipment.

4. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the liability referred to in section 3 of the proprietor of any hotel to any one guest shall not exceed five hundred dollars in respect of any one article or two thousand dollars in the aggregate except where—

Limits of liability.
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- (a) the property was stolen, lost or damaged through the default, neglect or wilful act of the proprietor or his servants; or
- (b) the property was deposited by or on behalf of the guest expressly for safe custody with the proprietor or some servant of his authorised or held out to be authorised for the purpose and if so required by the proprietor or that servant in a container or safe fastened, sealed or locked by the depositor.

(2) The proprietor of an hotel shall not be entitled to the protection of this subsection unless at the time when the property in question was brought into the hotel a copy of the notice set out in the Schedule printed in plain type was conspicuously displayed in a place where it could conveniently be read by his guests at or near the reception desk or at or near the main entrance to the hotel.

Schedule.

(3) The proprietor of an hotel may by written notice or special agreement limit his liability for loss or damage to the goods of any guest where he is undertaking or rendering any service in relation to such goods but, save as aforesaid, may not contract out of the liability imposed by this Act.

5. Any proprietor of an hotel who refuses to receive any person as a guest by reason of such person's race, religion or colour is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

Obligation of hotel proprietor.

Lien of hotel proprietor.

6. Subject to section 3(2), the proprietor of an hotel shall have a lien on the goods of any guest for the payment of all moneys payable to the proprietor for food, drink or accommodation or other services or facilities provided by the proprietor for the guest and shall be entitled to retain the goods and at any time after the expiration of thirty days from such retention to sell the same and recover the whole or any part of such moneys together with the costs and expenses of such sale provided that such sale is by public auction.

Section 4(2).

SCHEDULE

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LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO GUEST'S PROPERTY

Under the Hotel Proprietors Act, an hotel proprietor may in certain circumstances be liable to make good any loss of or damage to a guest's property even though it was not due to any fault of the proprietor or staff of the hotel.

This liability however—

- (a) extends only to the property of guests who have engaged sleeping accommodation at the hotel;
- (b) is limited to five hundred dollars for any one article and a total of two thousand dollars in the case of any one guest, except in the case of property which has been deposited, or offered for deposit, for safe custody;
- (c) does not cover motor-cars or other vehicles of any kind or any property left in them or horses or other live animals.