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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (R.S.A. c. P125)

HOTELS REGULATIONS

Note: These Regulations are enabled under section 8 of the Public Health Act, R.S.A. c. P125.

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Interpretation

1. For the purposes of these Regulations—

"hotel" includes every building used as a hotel or guest house, other than a lodging house, a flat or rooming house;

"licence" means a licence issued under section 4;

"toilet facilities" includes a bath or shower, a water closet and wash basin.

Offence to operate hotel without licence

2. A person who on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person operates or uses any building as a hotel without being licensed to do so is guilty of an offence.

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Application for licence

3. (1) An application for a licence shall be in writing in the form which the Director of Health Services prescribes and shall be lodged in the office of the Environmental Health Department of the Ministry of Health.

(2) The Senior Environmental Health Officer after consideration of the application may grant the application subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.

Licences

4. (1) On the approval of the application, a licence shall be issued to the applicant in the form prescribed by the Director of Health Services.

(2) A licence shall—

(a) bear on its face the date of issue;

(b) state the number of guests who may be accommodated at such hotel;

(c) be, unless cancelled or suspended, valid until the 31st day of December next after the date of issue; and

(d) be non-transferable to any person or in respect of any location.

Hotels Register

5. (1) The Senior Environmental Health Officer shall cause to be kept a Register of all hotels.

(2) In respect of each hotel, the Hotels Register shall contain—

(a) the name and address thereof;

(b) the name and address of the owner or operator thereof;

(c) the number of guests who may be accommodated at the hotel; and

(d) the date of issue of the licence.

Cessation of use of premises

6. (1) When a person to whom a licence has been issued under these Regulations ceases to operate or use the building to which the licence relates as a hotel, he shall within 7 days of so doing, give notice thereof to the Senior Environmental Health Officer and at the same time deliver the licence to him.

(2) A person to whom a licence has been issued and whose licence has subsequently been cancelled or suspended shall immediately deliver up the licence to the Senior Environmental Health Officer.

Conditions for operation of hotels

7. No person shall cause to be operated any hotel unless—

(a) each bedroom has direct natural light by means of a window of an area equal to not less than one-fifth of the floor area of the room;

(b) all windows in bedrooms are equipped with blinds, curtains or any other device for ensuring privacy;

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(c) each guest is provided with an adequate number of clean towels daily;

(d) each bed is provided with pillows in clean pillow slips, sheets, blankets and bed covers;

(e) freshly laundered bed linen is provided for each incoming guest;

(f) all beds, springs, mattresses, sheets, pillows, pillow slips and bedcovers are maintained in good repair and are clean and insect free; and

(g) each bedroom is designated by a legible number placed on the door and each door fitted with a lock and key so that the door may be securely fastened from the inside.

Services to be available

8. (1) No place shall be operated as a hotel unless there is available to the guests at all times on each floor containing bedrooms—

(a) an adequate supply of water;

(b) an adequate supply of potable water;

(c) an adequate supply of toilet paper and soap; and

(d) at least 1 bath or 1 shower and 1 water closet and 1 wash basin for each 2 rooms in which these facilities are not provided.

(2) Where there is an odd number of rooms, the number of such rooms shall be deemed for the purpose of this section to be increased by one.

Toilet facilities

9. (1) In a hotel which provides accommodation for persons of both sexes, there shall be separate toilet facilities for each sex and the facilities for each sex shall be effectively separated by a wall or partition extending from floor to ceiling and in each case the facilities for each sex shall be clearly marked.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any hotel where each bedroom is provided with its own toilet facilities.

Maintenance of toilet facilities

10. All plumbing fixtures shall be kept in good repair and all rooms and toilet facilities shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

Maintenance of premises

11. Every person who causes to be operated any hotel shall, to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer—

(a) provide adequate lighting in hallways, stairways, passages and closet compartments;

(b) maintain all floors, walls and ceiling surfaces in a clean condition and in a state of good repair;

(c) keep cellars and basements clear of waste and combustible materials;

(d) maintain the premises and the contents thereof free from rodents, lice, bed-bugs, cockroaches, flies and other insects;

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(e) maintain an adequate number of suitable refuse bins; and

(f) keep every yard, area, forecourt, or other open space within the curtilage of the premises in good order, clean and in a sanitary condition.

Power to order necessary work to be carried out

12. The Medical Officer may by notice in writing require the owner or operator of any hotel to carry out within such time as is stated in the notice any work which may be necessary under the provisions of these Regulations.

Cancellation and suspension of licences

13. The Senior Environmental Health Officer may cancel or suspend a licence granted in accordance with these Regulations—

(a) for overcrowding of the hotel;

(b) where a notice has been served under section 16 of the Act and there has been no appeal therefrom, or the appeal has been dismissed, and the owner or occupier of the hotel has not within the time specified in the notice or within the time specified on the dismissal of the appeal, carried out the work required by the notice;

(c) for failure to comply with sections 7 to 11; or

(d) for failure to comply with the requirements of a notice served under section 12.

Offences and penalties

14. An owner, operator, or any other person who contravenes section 2 or sections 6 to 12 or who fails to comply with any notice served thereunder is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of $200 or to a term of imprisonment of 3 months or to both.

Citation

15. These Regulations may be cited as the Hotels Regulations, Revised Regulations of Anguilla, P125-5.

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