

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 4. All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Act effective immediately.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 323

AN ACT

To amend sections two, four, five and six of the act, approved the second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (Pamphlet Laws 428), entitled "An act to regulate and license public lodging-houses in the different cities in this Commonwealth," by adding county departments of health and joint-county departments of health to the health authorities empowered by the act to render certificates, make inspections, and adopt rules and regulations.

Lodging houses.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Sections 2, 4, 5 and 6, act of July 2, 1895, P. L. 428, amended.

Section 1. Sections two, four, five and six of the act, approved the second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (Pamphlet Laws 428), entitled "An act to regulate and license public lodging-houses in the different cities in this Commonwealth," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Licensing of public lodging houses.

Section 2. The mayor of any city in this Commonwealth may license persons to keep public lodging-houses in said city, upon payment of a fee of two dollars, and upon compliance with and subject to the following provisions and requirements.

License fee.

Provisions of and requirements for license.

Expiration date, etc.

The said license shall expire on the thirty-first day of December, in the year in which it is issued. It shall specify particularly the place licensed, and it shall not protect the licensee in carrying on business in any other place.

Applicant to be person of good moral character.

No such license shall be granted to a person by the mayor who is not of good moral character, and no license shall be issued until the building inspectors of said city and the fire marshal, or, if such officials do not exist, such other official or person as the mayor shall name to examine into the safety of the building, license for which is applied for, shall certify that the building is safe for the load it will probably have to carry, is provided with all the fire-escapes required by law, and with such additional means of escape, in case of fire, as the construction of the building, its surroundings and the use to which it is to be put, required to be adopted for the safety of the lodgers.

License not to be issued until building is certified to be safe.

No such license shall be granted until the mayor shall receive a certificate from the health authorities of said city or from the county department of health or joint-county department of health setting forth that the plumbing in the building sought to be licensed is in accordance with the rules of the said health authorities of the city or county, or, if no such rules have been adopted, that the plumbing is in good condition, and further that the building is supplied with a sufficient number of water closets and urinals for the people intended to be accommodated, and with good and sufficient means of ventilation.

License not to be granted by mayor until receipt of proper sanitation certificate from health authorities.

Section 4. The keeper of every public lodging-house shall, at all times when required by the fire marshal, the fire chief or by any officer connected with the building inspectors, or with the board of health, or bureau of health, or county department of health or joint-county department of health, or with the police department or bureau, or by the mayor or any one delegated by him, give such official, full and free access to said lodging-house or to any part thereof.

Keeper of lodging house to give access thereto to certain designated officials.

Section 5. The health authorities of said city or the county department of health or joint-county department of health may, from time to time, adopt rules and regulations for the government of public lodging-houses in cities for the cleansing and disinfection of the same, or of the furniture, bedding and other personal property in and upon the same, as may, in the judgment of said health authorities of the city or county be necessary and proper for the public [safety] health.

Health authorities of city authorized to adopt rules and regulations for government of such lodging houses.

Section 6. Any keeper of a public lodging-house who shall fail to comply with any provision of this act, or with any requirement of the health authorities of said city or the county department of health or joint-county department of health, or shall so conduct his lodging-house as to render it a nuisance to the neighborhood in which it is situated, shall forfeit his license: Provided, however, That no license shall be forfeited by the mayor of the city in which it was issued, except after public hearing by him of which the lodging-house keeper shall have at least one week's notice.

Penalty for noncompliance.

Proviso.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

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