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CHAPTER 524.

AN ACT to amend subsection 1 and 2, and to create subsection 3 of section 1727t of the statutes, relating to innkeepers, and providing a penalty.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsections 1 and 2 of section 1727t of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 1727t) 1. Every innkeeper shall keep posted in a conspicuous place in each sleeping room in his hotel, in type not smaller than twelve point, the rates charged per day for each single individual occupying such room. Such posted rates shall not be * * * *changed* until notice to that effect shall have been posted, in a similar manner, for ten days *previous to each proposed change. A schedule of the rates of all rooms used for sleeping purposes with the number of each room and the price charged for each of them per day for single individuals shall be displayed in the lobby of the hotel.*

2. Any innkeeper *who fails to have rates posted, as prescribed in subsection 1* who shall charge, demand, collect, or receive for such accommodations any sum * * * *different from* the said posted rates shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than * * * *fifty dollars nor more than * * * one hundred dollars, for each offense. Provided, that it shall not be deemed a violation of this section to permit a room to be occupied at the rate fixed for a lower priced room after all of such lower priced rooms have been taken and until such time as one of them shall become unoccupied. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting the making of special rates other than the posted rates for the use of such sleeping rooms, either by the week, month or for longer periods, or as prohibiting the making of special rates other than the posted rates for the use of such rooms by families or other collective groups or individuals, firms or corporations.*

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 1727t of the statutes to read: (Section 1727t) 3. The state board of health or its representatives shall have power to enforce the posting of rates as provided in subsection 1 of section 1727t.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect sixty days after its passage and publication.

Approved July 11, 1921.