

CHAPTER 818.

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AN ACT concerning the liability of innkeepers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. No innkeeper in this state, who shall constantly have in his inn an iron safe in good order, and suitable for the safe custody of money, jewelry and articles of gold or silver manufacture, and of the like, and who shall keep a copy of this act printed by itself, in large, plain English type, and framed, constantly and conspicuously suspended in the office, bar-room, saloon, reading, sitting and parlor room of his inn, and also a copy printed by itself in ordinary size, plain English type, posted upon the inside of the entrance door of every public sleeping room of his inn, shall be liable for the loss of any such articles aforesaid, suffered by any guest, unless such guest shall have first offered to deliver such property lost by him to such innkeeper for custody in such iron safe, and such innkeeper shall have refused or omitted to take it and deposit it in such safe for its custody, and give such guest a receipt therefor.

Liability for money, jewelry, &c.

SECTION 2. No innkeeper in this state shall be liable for the loss of any baggage or other property of a guest, caused by fire, not intentional, produced by the innkeeper or any of his servants; but any innkeeper shall be liable for any loss of any guest in his inn, caused by theft or gross negligence of the innkeeper, or any of his servants, anything to the contrary thereof in this act notwithstanding.

Liability for baggage.

SECTION 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with or in conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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