

No. 130.

THE HOTELS, LODGING HOUSES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS
(REGULATION) LAW.

CAP. 105.

REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 3.

A. B. WRIGHT,
Governor.

In exercise of the powers vested in me by section 3 of the Hotels, Lodging Houses and Public Buildings (Regulation) Law, I, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby make the following Regulations :— Cap. 105.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Lodging Houses Regulations, 1953, and shall apply to lodging houses situated elsewhere than within the limits of any municipal corporation.

2. In these Regulations—

“ District Medical Officer ” means the person who is for the time being lawfully discharging the duties of the Government District Medical Officer in the district in which a lodging house licensed or required to be licensed under the provisions of these Regulations is situated, and includes any officer of the Medical Department authorized by him in writing to perform any of the duties imposed, or to exercise any of the powers conferred, upon the District Medical Officer by these Regulations ;

“ licensed lodging house ” means a lodging house licensed under the provisions of these Regulations ;

“ licensee ” means the owner, keeper or person in charge of a licensed lodging house ;

“ Licensing Authority ” means the Improvement Board for each improvement area and in places other than an improvement area the Commissioner of the District in which a lodging house licensed or required to be licensed under the provisions of these Regulations is situated and includes any officer of the Commissioner’s office authorized by him to perform any of the duties imposed, or to exercise any of the powers conferred, upon the Commissioner ;

“ lodger ” means a person to whom any part of a licensed lodging house has been let as a lodging or for his use and occupation.

3. No person shall keep or manage a lodging house unless such lodging house has been licensed under the provisions of these Regulations.

4. Every application for a licence shall—

(a) be made to the Licensing Authority in the form set out in the First Schedule hereto ; and

(b) be accompanied by a certificate issued by the District Medical Officer in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

5. Every licence issued under these Regulations—

(a) shall be in the form set out in the Third Schedule hereto ;

(b) shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year in which it is issued ; and

(c) may be renewed annually.

6. The annual fee for a licence or renewal thereof shall be ten shillings.

7. The Licensing Authority may refuse to issue a licence where in its opinion the person applying therefor is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence, and may upon giving one month's previous notice in writing to the licensee revoke a licence where it is satisfied that the licensee has ceased to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence, or has allowed or suffered his licensed lodging house to be used for any unlawful or immoral purpose, or has been convicted on more than three occasions for offences against these Regulations.

8. Every licensee shall cause a sign board to be displayed and kept displayed in some conspicuous place on the outside of the licensed lodging house with the words "Licensed Lodging House" thereon in English, Greek and Turkish.

9.—(1) Every licensee shall keep a register in such form as the Licensing Authority shall approve in which the licensee shall record the names, ages and sex of persons who stay in the licensed lodging house for the time being, and such register shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by the Licensing Authority, the Director of Medical and Health Services, the District Medical Officer and any Police Officer.

(2) For the purpose of such inspection the Licensing Authority, the Director of Medical and Health Services, the District Medical Officer and any Police Officer may at all reasonable times enter the licensed lodging house, and every person thereon shall render to him such assistance as he may reasonably require and no person shall refuse to permit his entry or shall hinder or obstruct such entry.

10. Every licensed lodging house shall conform to the following requirements to the satisfaction of the District Medical Officer—

(a) it shall have a sufficient water supply of good quality either piped or otherwise conveniently placed and properly stored to prevent any fouling of water ;

(b) it shall have a sufficient number of latrines of an approved type in numbers proportionate to the total number of persons residing therein as follows : one latrine for every twelve persons or less :

Provided that there shall always be at least one latrine for men and one for women and, provided further that, there shall be one wash basin, supplied with sufficient water for each latrine ;

(c) its floors, walls and ceilings shall be free from any dampness and its roof in good repair ;

(d) it shall have sufficient and proper lighting and ventilation in each room, staircase and passage ;

(e) it shall be structurally safe and in good repair and condition ;

(f) it shall be free from vermin ;

(g) it shall have sufficient washing and cooking accommodation for the use of the lodgers ;

(h) it shall have proper drainage and a sufficient number of receptacles for household refuse ;

(i) it shall, if consisting of more than one storey, have proper means of escape in case of fire ;

(j) it shall have one bath-room, fitted with a bath or shower, and with an adequate supply of water for every twenty persons.

11. The following provisions shall apply in the case of any person staying in a licensed lodging house who is suspected of suffering from any infectious disease—

(a) the licensee shall notify the name of any such person to the District Medical Officer or to the Mukhtar of the village or quarter in which the licensed lodging house is situated ;

- (b) the licensee shall render such assistance as he may be required to render by the District Medical Officer for the removal of the person suffering from an infectious disease if removal is ordered and shall adopt all such precautions as may be most suitable in accordance with any instructions as may be given to him by the District Medical Officer ;
- (c) the licensee shall notify the District Medical Officer forthwith upon the death, removal or recovery of any lodger who may have been suffering from an infectious disease ;
- (d) the licensee shall cause to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected the room occupied by any person suffering from an infectious disease and every article in such room liable to retain infection in accordance with the directions of the District Medical Officer ;
- (e) no person other than the wife or relative of, or person voluntarily in attendance on, any person suffering from an infectious disease shall use or occupy the same room as such person.

12. The interior of every licensed lodging house shall be kept lime-washed or painted to the satisfaction of the District Medical Officer, and the licensee shall comply with any directions in this behalf which may from time to time be given to him by the District Medical Officer.

13. The maximum number of persons who may occupy each room in a licensed lodging house may be determined by the District Medical Officer and where so determined shall be displayed and kept displayed by the licensee on the outside of the door of each room.

14.—(1) All yards, areas, forecourts or open spaces within the curtilage of a licensed lodging house shall be kept in good order and thoroughly cleansed as often as necessary for the purpose of keeping them in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the District Medical Officer.

(2) No animal shall be kept in the lodging house or in the precincts thereof in such circumstances and such manner as to be a nuisance or become a breeding place for flies. The licensee shall comply promptly with the instructions given to him by the District Medical Officer regarding the keeping or custody of any animal within his lodging house or the precincts thereof.

15. The floor of every room, passage, landing and staircase of a licensed lodging house shall be thoroughly swept once at least every day and shall be thoroughly washed at least once in every week.

16. All bed clothes, bedding, bedsteads and all utensils and other furniture in a licensed lodging house shall be thoroughly cleansed as often as may be necessary for the purpose of keeping them in a clean and wholesome condition.

17. All solid and liquid filth or refuse shall be removed at least once a day from every room in a licensed lodging house, and every vessel, receptacle or utensil used for such filth or refuse shall be cleansed every day.

18. As often as may be necessary for keeping them clean, the seat, floor and walls of every latrine or urinal belonging to a licensed lodging house shall be thoroughly cleansed.

19. The licensee shall keep every part of the structure of the licensed lodging house in good order and repair and shall at all times maintain every latrine, urinal, washroom, kitchen and scullery and every apparatus, trap and drain communicating thereto in good order and repair to the satisfaction of the District Medical Officer.

20. The licensee shall at all times take such measures as may be necessary in order to prevent fire occurring in the licensed lodging house.