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**7307. Unclaimed baggage, etc.—Delivery to warehouseman—**Personal baggage remaining in the possession of any carrier of passengers for thirty days after having been carried to the station of such carrier in performance of his contract in relation thereto, and any other property remaining in the possession of any common carrier, at the office or station of such carrier to which consigned, for sixty days after notice given by mail to the consignee thereof, may be delivered by such carrier, upon payment of his reasonable charges for the transportation and storage thereof, to any licensed storage company doing business in this state. (2805) [6075]

Cited (115-116, 131+1075).  
124-530, 144+1134.

**7308. Storage liens—**Any storage company receiving such property shall provide suitable storage therefor, and shall have a lien thereon for all charges paid the carrier, and for its reasonable charges for handling, storing, insuring, and safely keeping such property, with interest. (2806) [6076]

**7309. Sale—Notice—**If such property is not claimed by the owner or his agent within twelve months after its receipt by such storage company, it may be sold by such company at public auction. Before making sale three weeks' published and posted notice thereof, describing the property and specifying the time and

place of sale, shall be given. The publication of such notice shall also be made in a newspaper published at the county seat of the county where the sale is to be made, and a copy thereof shall be mailed to the owner, if his address is known, or, with reasonable diligence, can be ascertained. (2807) [6077]  
124-530, 144+1134.

**7310. Sale—Proceeds—**The proceeds of such sale shall be applied to the payment of the charges of such storage company and the expenses of sale, and any surplus shall be at once paid to the county treasurer, with a statement as hereinbefore prescribed, and be disposed of as so provided. (2808) [6078]

**7311. Warehouseman's bond—**Before any warehouseman or storage company shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of this chapter, such warehouseman or storage company shall give bond to the state, to be approved by the governor, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of all duties enjoined upon the obligor under this chapter, which bond shall be for the use of any party interested, and shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the county where the business of such warehouseman is conducted. (2809) [6079]

'19 c. 396 relates to stolen and unclaimed property in cities over 50,000 and not governed by a home rule charter. See §§ 1613-1, 1613-2, herein.

CHAPTER 55

HOTELS AND PUBLIC RESORTS

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**7312. Hotel and innkeepers to have safes—**No inn or hotel keeper who has constantly in his or its inn or hotel a metal safe or suitable vault in good order and fit for the custody of money, bank notes, jewelry, articles of gold and silver manufacture, precious stones, personal ornaments, railway mileage books or tickets, negotiable or valuable papers, and bullion, and who keeps on the doors of the sleeping rooms used by guests suitable locks or bolts and suitable fastenings on the transoms and windows of said rooms, and who keeps a copy of this section, printed in distinct type, constantly and conspicuously posted in the office and on the inside of the entrance door of every bedroom and to every parlor and other public room in the building, shall be liable for the loss of or injury to property suffered by any guest unless such guest has offered to deliver the same to such innkeeper or hotel keeper for custody in such metal safe or vault, and such innkeeper or hotel keeper has omitted or refused to take the same and deposit it in such safe or vault for custody and to give such guest a receipt therefor. Provided, however, that the keeper of any such inn or hotel shall not be liable for the loss, destruction or injury of or to any property hereinbefore described for more than the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) unless the same shall be lost, destroyed or injured

through theft or negligence of such innkeeper or hotel keeper. Provided further, that no keeper of any inn or hotel shall be required to accept for safe keeping as aforesaid property in excess of the value of five hundred (\$500) dollars unless such acceptance thereof is in writing. ('19 c. 511 § 1, amended '21 c. 479 § 1)

**7313. Loss or injury to baggage—**For the loss of or injury to the kind of baggage or property enumerated in this section, when actually delivered to the hotel proprietor or inn keeper for safe keeping elsewhere than in the room assigned to such guest the hotel proprietor or inn keeper shall not be liable unless such hotel proprietor or inn keeper shall have given the guest a check or receipt therefor to evidence such delivery; and when so received and checked the liability shall be limited to the following amounts:

- \$150 for each trunk and its contents.
- \$50 for each valise or traveling case and its contents.
- \$10 for each box, parcel, package and its contents.
- \$50 for wearing apparel.

Provided, that if any such property of a guest when not so delivered for safe keeping shall be lost or injured in such hotel or inn through the negligence of such hotel proprietor or inn keeper, such hotel proprietor or inn keeper shall be liable for the actual value thereof. ('19 c. 511 § 2)

**7314. Liability of hotel and innkeeper—**The liability of the keeper of a hotel or inn for loss, injury or damage to the personal property of a guest of the character described in § 7313, while contained in the room assigned to such guest, shall be that of a bailee for hire and such liability shall not exceed for any one guest on account of such property the sum of five hun-

dred (\$500) dollars; provided, that such loss or damage to such property shall not have resulted from the fault or negligence of such hotel or innkeeper. ('21 c. 479 § 2)

**7315. Loss or injury to other receptacles and apparel**—For the loss of or injury to baggage or property of a guest not enumerated in either of the foregoing sections, such as trunks, valises, traveling cases or other receptacles not suitable to be placed in the safe, containing property of special or unusual value delivered to the hotel proprietor or inn keeper for safe keeping or other purpose, the hotel proprietor or inn keeper shall not be liable unless the owner or person delivering such property shall at the time of such delivery acquaint such hotel proprietor or inn keeper with the approximate value thereof, and, if demanded, with the nature of the contents thereof, and such hotel proprietor or inn keeper shall receive such property and give a check or receipt therefor; and in such case the liability shall not exceed the actual value of such receptacle and contents lost or the amount of the actual injury thereto.

And provided further, that whenever any person shall suffer his baggage or property to remain in any hotel after leaving such hotel as a guest, and after the relation of inn keeper and guest has ceased, or shall forward the same to such hotel before becoming a guest, and the same shall be received into such hotel, such hotel proprietor after the lapse of ten days may, at his or its option, hold such baggage or property at the risk of such owner, or, he shall have the right to deposit such baggage or property in a storage warehouse, in which event he shall take from the proprietor of such storage warehouse a receipt for the same in the name of the owner thereof, and hold the same for such owner; and such hotel proprietor, after he shall have so deposited such baggage or property in such storage warehouse, shall not be responsible for the loss thereof to such owner, provided he shall deliver to the owner of such baggage or property said storage warehouse receipt upon demand. Provided, that proof on behalf of the guest of the bringing of his property to the hotel or inn under the foregoing provisions, the loss thereof, and ordinary care on his part, shall be proof prima facie of negligence on part of the hotel keeper or inn keeper. ('19 c. 511 § 3)

**7316. Lien of inn keeper**—Every inn keeper, hotel keeper and every keeper of a boarding house or lodging house, whether individual, co-partnership or corporation, shall have a lien upon and may retain the possession of all the baggage and other effects brought into his or its inn, hotel, boarding house or lodging house by any guest, boarder or lodger, whether the same is the individual property of such guest, boarder or lodger or under his control, or the property of any other person for whose board, lodging or other accommodation the person contracting for such board and lodging is liable for the proper charges owing such inn keeper, hotel keeper or keeper of a boarding house or lodging house for any board, lodging or other accommodation furnished to or for such guest, boarder or lodger, and for all money paid out for or advanced to any such guest, boarder or lodger, not to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), and for such extras as are furnished at the written request signed by such guest, boarder or lodger until the amount of such

charges are paid, and any execution, attachment or other process levied upon such baggage or effects shall be subject to such inn keeper's lien and the cost of satisfying it. ('19 c. 511 § 4)

Section is valid. 163-253, 203-968.

**7317. Retention of baggage**—The inn keeper or hotel keeper may retain such baggage and other property upon which he has a lien for goods, board or lodging furnished to the owner thereof, for a period of ninety (90) days, at the expiration of which time if such lien is not satisfied, such baggage and other property may be sold at public auction to satisfy said lien and the costs of sale. The sale shall be made by a sheriff or constable upon the notice and in the manner provided for in the case of sale under execution from justice courts. ('19 c. 511 § 5)

**7318. Violation a misdemeanor**—Any person who shall obtain food, lodging or other accommodations at any hotel, lodging house, inn, boarding or eating house, without paying therefor, with intent to defraud the owner or manager thereof, or who obtains credit at any hotel, lodging house, inn, boarding or eating house by or through any false pretense, or by or through the aid, assistance or influence of any baggage or effects in his or her possession and control, but not actually belonging to such person, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days. ('19 c. 511 § 6)

**7319. Proof of fraud**—Proof that food, lodging or other accommodations was obtained by false pretense or by false or fictitious show or pretense of baggage or other property, or proof that the person refused or neglected to pay for such food, lodging or other accommodation on demand, or that he gave in payment of such food, lodging or other accommodation negotiable paper on which payment was refused, or that he absconded without offering to pay for such food, lodging or other accommodation, or that he surreptitiously removed or attempted to remove his or her baggage, shall be prima facie proof of the fraudulent intent mentioned in section 6 hereof; but this act shall not apply where there has been an agreement in writing for delay in payment for a period to exceed ten days. ('19 c. 511 § 7)

**7320. Certain sections repealed**—Sections 6080, 6081 and 8969, General Statutes 1913, and section 5164 of the Revised Laws of 1905, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. ('19 c. 511 § 8)

**7321. Equal rights in hotels, etc.**—No person shall be excluded, on account of race or color, from full and equal enjoyment of any accommodation, advantage, or privilege furnished by public conveyances, theaters, or other public places of amusement, or by hotels, barber shops, saloons, restaurants, or other places of refreshment, entertainment, or accommodation. Every person who violates any provision of this section, or aids or incites another to do so, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, and, in addition to the penalty therefor, shall be liable in a civil action to the person aggrieved for damages not exceeding five hundred dollars. (2812) [6082]