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## CHAPTER 35A Collection Agencies

**5888.** To file bond with secretary of state—Conducting agency, etc.

A justice of the peace cannot act as collection agent without license. Op. Atty. Gen. (266a-3), Oct. 4, 1934.

## CHAPTER 36 Protection against Fire, and Regulation of Hotels and Restaurants

### HOTELS, THEATERS AND OTHER BUILDINGS

**5903.** Defining hotels, restaurants, lodging houses, boarding houses, places of refreshment, and original container—religious and college buildings.—Every building or structure or enclosure, or any part thereof, kept, used as, maintained as, or advertised as, or held out to the public to be an enclosure where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public whether with or without meals and furnishing accommodations for periods of less than one week shall for the purpose of this act be deemed a hotel.

Every building or other structure or enclosure, or any part thereof and all buildings in connection, kept, used or maintained as, or advertised as, or held out to the public to be an enclosure where meals or lunches are served without sleeping accommodations, and furnishing accommodations for periods of less than one week, shall for the purpose of this act be deemed to be a restaurant, and the person or persons in charge thereof, whether as owner, lessee, manager or agent, for the purpose of this act shall be deemed the proprietor of such restaurant, and whenever the word "restaurant" shall occur in this act, it shall be construed to mean such structure as described in this section.

Every building or structure, or any part thereof, kept, used as, maintained as, advertised as, or held out to be a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public as regular roomers, for periods of one week or more, and having five or more beds to let to the public, shall, for the purpose of this act, be deemed a lodging house.

Every building or structure or enclosure, or any part thereof, used as, maintained as, or advertised as, or held out to be an enclosure where meals or lunches are furnished to five or more regular boarders for periods of one week or more, shall for the purpose of this act, be deemed a boarding house. Every building or structure, or any part thereof, used as, maintained as, or advertised as, or held out to be a place where confectionery, ice cream, sandwiches, or drinks of various kinds are made, sold or served at retail, shall, for the purpose of this act, be deemed to be a place of refreshment. Provided, however, that a general merchandise store or grocery store retailing or serving ice cream, soft drinks or foods of any kind, if such foods and soft drinks are sold and delivered to the public in an original container and the purchaser thereof consumes the contents directly from the original container, shall not be deemed a place of refreshment within the meaning of this act. The term "original container," as used in this act, shall be construed to mean any carton, box, wrapper, package, pail, can, jar, keg, glass, bottle, or other thing in which the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor has placed and entirely enclosed said ice cream, drinks, or other refreshments, before delivery to the retailer and shall also be construed to include any straw, spoon, fork, or other eating and drinking utensil, placed in the container by the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor at his place of business and

before delivery to the retailer. This act shall not be construed to apply to any building constructed and primarily used for religious worship, nor to any building used for the housing of college or university students in accordance with regulations promulgated by such college or university. ('19, c. 499, §1; Mar. 29, 1935, c. 77; Apr. 24, 1935, c. 274, §1; Jan. 18, 1936, Ex. Ses., c. 36, §1.)

Act Apr. 24, 1935, c. 274, §1, purports to amend the last two paragraphs as a part of §5905. This is immediately followed by a paragraph amending §5905. This seems to be the result of a clerical error in preparing the enrolled bill. This defect is cured by the amendment of Jan. 18, 1936, cited.

It would seem that this section is not limited to stores wherein confectionery is sold to be consumed on premises. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 7, 1933.

Park board of village of Excelsior may be licensed to sell non-intoxicating malt liquors. Op. Atty. Gen., Apr. 22, 1933.

Whether particular business is restaurant within meaning of beer law is primarily question of fact to be determined by governing body of municipality. Op. Atty. Gen., June 26, 1933.

Whether a residence advertised as a tourist rooming house is a hotel is question of fact. Op. Atty. Gen., Aug. 14, 1933.

Laws 1935, c. 77, amending this section was in turn repealed by Laws 1935, c. 274, the two acts being absolutely inconsistent. Op. Atty. Gen. (233d), May 16, 1935.

The first amendment to §5905 as contained in Laws 1935, c. 274, was intended as an amendment of the last two paragraphs of this section and should be considered as an amendment thereof. Op. Atty. Gen. (233d), May 16, 1935.

Buildings used for housing of college or university students are exempt. Op. Atty. Gen. (233k), Mar. 6, 1936.

Lunchroom for employees and their guests only must have restaurant license. Op. Atty. Gen. (233j), Jan. 5, 1937.

**5905. Hotels, restaurants, lodging houses, boarding houses, and places of refreshment to be licensed—fees.**—Within sixty days after the passage of this act and each year thereafter, every person, firm or corporation now engaged in the business of conducting an hotel, restaurant, lodging house, boarding house or place of refreshment, and every person, firm or corporation who shall hereafter engage in conducting such business, must procure a license for each hotel, restaurant, lodging house, boarding house, or place of refreshment, so conducted, provided that one license shall be sufficient for a combination of an hotel and restaurant, lodging house, boarding house, and place of refreshment, where such businesses are conducted in the same enclosure and under the same management. Each license shall expire on the 31st day of December next following its issuance, and any proprietor who operates a place of business as defined herein after January 1st following, without first having made application for a license and without having made payment of the fee thereof, shall have violated the provisions of this act and is subject to prosecution as provided herein, and in addition thereto, a penalty of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) shall be added to the amount of the license fee and paid by the proprietor as provided herein if the said application has not reached the office of the Division of Hotel Inspection of the State Board of Health on or before