

*Innkeepers' Liability.*

Act No. 64, 1902.

An Act to consolidate enactments respecting the Liability of Innkeepers. [4th September, 1902.]

INNKEEPERS' LIABILITY.  
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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1. This Act may be cited as the "Innkeepers' Liability Act, 1902." Short title.
- 2. The Act thirty-ninth Victoria number nine is hereby repealed. Repeal.
- 3. In the interpretation of this Act the word "inn" means any hotel, inn, tavern, publichouse, or other place of refreshment the keeper of which is now by law responsible for the goods and property of his guest or lodger; and the word "innkeeper" means the keeper of any such place. Interpretation.  
39 Vic. No. 9, s. 4.

4. No innkeeper shall be liable to make good to any guest or lodger of such innkeeper any loss of or injury to goods or property brought to his inn, not being a horse or other live animal or any gear appertaining thereto or any carriage, to a greater amount than the sum of twenty pounds, except in the following cases:—

- (a) where such goods or property have been stolen, lost, or injured through the act, default, or neglect of such innkeeper or any servant in his employ; or
- (b) when such goods or property have been deposited expressly for safe custody with such innkeeper:

Provided always that in the case of such deposit such innkeeper if he thinks fit may require as a condition to his liability that such goods or property shall be deposited in a box or other receptacle, fastened and sealed by the person depositing the same. Goods to be deposited in sealed box if required.

5. If any innkeeper refuses to receive for safe custody, as before mentioned, any goods or property of his guest or lodger, or if any such guest or lodger, through any default of such innkeeper, is unable to deposit such goods or property as aforesaid, such innkeeper shall not be entitled to the benefit of this Act in respect of such goods or property. Obligation to receive property for safe custody.  
Ibid. s. 2.

6. Every innkeeper shall cause at least one copy of the fourth section of this Act, printed in plain type, to be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the hall or entrance to his inn, and also in each bedroom therein, and he shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act in respect of such goods or property only as shall be brought to his inn while such copy is so exhibited. Notice of section 1 to be exhibited.  
Ibid. s. 3.