

CHAPTER 47
HOTEL KEEPERS

Ordinance No. 33 of 1908. AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE PROTECTION OF HOTEL KEEPERS AND OTHERS AGAINST FRAUDS.

[10th December. 1908.]

Short title. **1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Hotel Keepers Protection Ordinance.

Penalty for persons who fail to discharge debts to hotel keepers, &c., on demand.

2. (1) Any person who incurs any debt or liability to the keeper or manager of an hotel, inn, resthouse, restaurant, or eating-house for food, drink, or lodging shall, unless he gives notice at the time of incurring the same that he will require credit, be deemed to represent that he is and will be able to discharge such debt or liability on demand.

(2) Where any person, having incurred any such debt or liability without giving notice as aforesaid, fails to discharge the same on demand, he shall, unless he satisfies the court that he had no intention to defraud, be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance, and shall be liable on conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees, or to simple or rigorous imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

(3) Every offence under this Ordinance shall be triable by the Magistrate's Court having local jurisdiction, and shall be " non-cognizable " and " bailable " within the meaning of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act.

(4) An appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal from every conviction under this section, the provisions of section 317 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, notwithstanding.

3. No person shall be punishable under this Ordinance unless, at the time when he incurred the debt or liability in respect of which the charge is made, a copy of this Ordinance was exhibited in some conspicuous place in the hotel, inn, resthouse, restaurant or eating-house.

Copy of Ordinance to be exhibited in hotel, &c.