

R.S. 29: 4-4 thru 8

April 21, 1970

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S. 29:4-4 through 8
(Hotels -- Regulations)

Bills introduced before 1967:

Copy No. 2

1965-A540 - Halpin
Passed Assembly
Died in Senate Committee.
Statement:

The Purpose of this bill is to promote travel in and into the State of New Jersey and to insure the comfort, enjoyment and protection of the traveling public in this State. The bill implements a proposal contained in the Governor's Third Annual Message.

Page 36 of the Third Annual Message of Governor Hughes, January 17, 1966.

New Jersey does not, but should, have a law to require hotels, motels and other places of public accommodation to post their rental rates in each room.

1966 - A243 - Halpin and Gurry.
Passed Assembly with Committee amendments.
Died in Senate Committee.
No statement.

L. 1967 - Chapter 95 - A406
January 16 - Introduced by Halpin and Gurry.
No statement.
Amended in Senate (copy enclosed)

This bill was part of a package of 7 consumer protection bills.

Governor's statement upon signing A406:

Assembly Bill No. 406, another significant step toward consumer protection, requires the posting in all hotel, motel and guest-house rooms of the charges for the renting of such rooms. In addition, the measure provides for penalties for failure to comply.

No hearings or reports were located.

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GC-Yes

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ASSEMBLY, No. 406

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 16, 1967

By Assemblymen HALPIN and CURRY

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Economic Development

AN ACT concerning hotels and similar places of public accommodation and supplementing Title 29 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. As used in this act: "Hotel" means any hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp,
2 tourist cabin, tourist home, rooming house or similar establishment where
3 sleeping accommodations are supplied for pay to transient and permanent
4 guests.

5 "Guest room" is a room which is occupied, or is intended, arranged or
6 designed to be occupied for sleeping purposes by one or more guests and in-
7 cludes rooms hired out furnished or unfurnished.

1 2. No person engaged in the business of furnishing public lodging ac-
2 commodations in a hotel shall post or maintain posted on any advertising
3 sign or cause to be placed before the public in any advertising matter or in-
4 formation pertaining to such establishment, any rates for accommodations
5 in any such establishment unless there are available in any such establish-
6 ment, when vacant, accommodations for immediate occupancy to meet the
7 posted rate of such advertising signs.

1 ***[**3. Every person engaged in the business of furnishing public lodging
2 accommodations in a hotel shall:

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4 room, a printed copy of this act and a statement of the rental unit charge or
5 rate charged by the day for the guest room.

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7 for a higher rate of charge for the use of said rental unit than is specified in

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9 paragraph (a) of this section, provided that the person so charged shall have
10 given such hotel keeper notice at the office of his departure.】*

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12 *accommodations in a hotel shall post in a conspicuous place or manner in*
13 *each and every guest room, a printed copy of this act and a statement of the*
14 *range of rates charged by the hotel, including seasonal rates.**

1 4. Any person, organization or corporation violating any of the provi-
2 sions of this act shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$50.00 or more
3 than \$100.00 for the first offense, and not less than \$100.00 or more than
4 \$250.00 for the second and each subsequent offense.

5 Every county district court and municipal court shall have jurisdiction
6 of proceedings for the collection and enforcement of a penalty imposed
7 because of the violation, within the territorial jurisdiction of the court, of any
8 provision of this act. The penalty shall be collected and enforced in a sum-
9 mary proceeding pursuant to the Penalty Enforcement Law (N. J. S. 2A :58-1,
10 et seq.). Process shall be either in the nature of a summons or warrant and
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SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 406

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ADOPTED MARCH 6, 1967

Amend page 1, section 3, lines 1-10, omit in their entirety and insert the following new section:

“3. Every person engaged in the business of furnishing public lodging accommodations in a hotel shall post in a conspicuous place or manner in each and every guest room, a printed copy of this act and a statement of the range of rates charged by the hotel, including seasonal rates.”.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR RICHARD J. HUGHES ON SIGNING
OF ASSEMBLY BILL NOS. 403, 406, 613 and 830
AND SENATE BILL NOS. 15 and 327

I am pleased today to sign into law several bills which constitute significant steps toward increased protection for the New Jersey consumer in many important areas.

Briefly, these measures involve the following protection to the consumer:

Revision of the Small Loans Act to provide numerous changes, most important of which from the standpoint of the public being the elimination of wage assignments in connection with collections on such loans and the requirement that the borrower at the time of negotiating the loan receive a statement setting forth the true rate of interest. This is Assembly Bill No. 403.

Assembly Bill No. 406, another significant step toward consumer protection, requires the posting in all hotel, motel and guest-house rooms ^{of} the charges for the renting of such rooms. In addition, this measure provides for penalties for failure to comply.

The signing of Assembly Bill No. 613 marks the strengthening of the Real Estate Syndication Law by increasing the penalties for violation and giving considerable enforcement powers to the Bureau of Securities to eliminate any undesirable practices in the selling of real estate syndications.

With the establishment of the Consumer Fraud Bureau this year, New Jersey took a long step toward protecting the consuming public from a multitude of unscrupulous practices. The signing into law today of Assembly Bill No. 830 provides a means for the Attorney General's office, through the Bureau of Consumer Frauds, to enforce provisions of the Consumer Fraud Law effectively. It does so by permitting the Attorney General to hold hearings on consumer fraud violations so as to omit the necessity of lengthy court action in many instances.

Senate Bill No. 15 requires the marking of milk cartons with the day of the week on which the milk was pasteurized, rather than the present system of number markings which to some degree has been confusing to the public.

Finally, Senate Bill No. 327 revises the State Uniform Securities Law and for the first time requires the filing of registration statements prior to the sale of securities to the public. This measure, I am certain, will be of great assistance in protecting the public, particularly the unsophisticated buyer of securities, so that he may be fully alerted to any risks involved in such purchases.