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An Ordinance to Provide for the Registration of Lodgers.

[13TH JUNE, 1947.]

Short title
and
application.
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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Lodgers (Registration in Hotels) Ordinance, and shall apply to the Freetown Police District of the Colony and to such other places in the Colony as the Governor may by notice in the *Gazette* from time to time direct.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—
“lodging house” means any premises whether furnished or unfurnished, where lodging or sleeping accommodation is provided for reward and includes an hotel;

“lodging-house keeper” means any person who for reward receives any other person to lodge in such premises, either on his own behalf or as manager or otherwise on behalf of any other person;

“native foreigner” means any person, other than a native of Sierra Leone, whose parents were members of a tribe or tribes indigenous to British West Africa, French West Africa, the Republic of Guinea, Spanish West Africa, Portuguese West Africa, the Belgian Congo, the mandated territories in West Africa, French Equatorial Africa, Portuguese Guinea,

* Not yet applied anywhere else.

Principe, Spanish Guinea, Annobon, Liberia, Fernando Po or San Thomé, and the descendants of such persons, and shall include any person one of whose parents was a member of such tribe;

“registrable lodger” means any person other than a person born in Sierra Leone or a native foreigner.

3. Every lodging-house keeper shall keep a register of all registrable lodgers to whom accommodation is afforded at such lodging house. Register of lodgers to be kept.

4. Every lodging-house keeper shall before accommodating a registrable lodger in his lodging house, ascertain and enter or cause to be entered in the register kept for the purpose, the full name, nationality, age and occupation of the registrable lodger who is seeking accommodation together with the date of his arrival, his last place of residence and the address from which he last came; and on the departure of a registrable lodger who has been accommodated at a lodging house, the lodging-house keeper shall enter or cause to be entered in the register the date of departure and destination on departure of such registrable lodger, and, if required by the Commissioner of Police, he shall also ascertain and enter in the register from time to time such other particulars relating to the registrable lodger as the Commissioner of Police may direct. Particulars relating to registrable lodgers to be entered in register.

5. It shall be the duty of every registrable lodger accommodated at a lodging house to furnish true statements of the particulars required by this Ordinance, and the lodging-house keeper may require any registrable lodger to whom he has afforded accommodation to sign a statement verifying the truth of the particulars so furnished. Registrable lodgers to furnish true statements of particulars.

6. Every register kept in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall at all reasonable hours be open for inspection by any member of the Police Force or by any person duly authorised by the Commissioner of Police to inspect such registers. Inspection of registers.

7. If any person acts in contravention of, or fails to comply with any provision of, this Ordinance, he shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months. Penalty.

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