

INNKEEPERS.

11° GEO. V., No. XIX.

No. 19 of 1920.**AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Innkeepers.**

[Assented to 31st December, 1920.]

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 Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Innkeepers Act*, 1920.Interpretation.
26 & 27 Vict., c.
41, s. 4.

2. In the interpretation of this Act, the word "inn" shall mean any hotel, inn, tavern, public-house, or other place of refreshment, the keeper of which is now by law responsible for the goods and property of his guests; and the word "innkeeper" shall mean the person who is the keeper of any such place.

Innkeeper not
to be liable for
loss exceeding
thirty pounds.
26 & 27 Vict.,
41, s. 1.

3. No innkeeper shall be liable to make good to any guest 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 thirty pounds, except in the following cases:—

(a) Where such goods or property have been stolen, lost, or injured through the wilful act, default, or neglect of such innkeeper or any servant in his employ;

(b) Where 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.

Obligation to
receive
property for
safe custody.
Ibid., s. 2.

4. If any innkeeper shall refuse to receive for safe custody, as before mentioned, any goods or property of his guest, or if any such guest shall, through any default of such innkeeper, be unable to deposit such goods or property as afore-said, such innkeeper shall not be entitled to the benefit of this Act in respect of such goods or property.