

SENATE BILL NO. 461—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing hotels, inns, motels and motor courts.  
(BDR 54-1659)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~to be omitted~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public accommodations; requiring an owner or keeper of a hotel, inn, motel or motor court to maintain a printed statement of the charge or rate of charges by the day for lodging and to make that statement available upon request; eliminating the requirement that the rates be posted in every bedroom of the establishment; eliminating the provisions that prohibit such an establishment from requiring a person to pay for a greater number of days than actually requested to secure accommodations; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE  
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 651.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     651.030 1. Every ***owner or*** keeper of any hotel, inn, motel or motor  
3     court in this state shall ~~post,~~ :  
4     ***(a) Post*** in a conspicuous place in the office and in every bedroom of  
5     ~~such establishment,~~ ***the establishment*** a printed copy of this section and  
6     NRS 651.010 and 651.020 ~~and a~~ ; and  
7     ***(b) Maintain a printed*** statement of ***the*** charge or rate of charges by the  
8     day for lodging ~~and~~ ***and make the statement available for viewing, upon***  
9     ***request, at the registration desk or an equivalent location in the***  
10    ***establishment.***  
11    2. No charge or sum ~~shall~~ ***may*** be collected for any greater or other  
12    sum than ~~he~~ ***the owner or keeper*** is entitled to ~~by~~ ***charge pursuant to***  
13    the general rules and regulations of ~~such~~ ***the*** establishment.

1 3. For any violation of this section, or any provision herein contained,  
2 the offender shall forfeit to the injured party 3 times the amount of the sum  
3 charged in excess of what he is entitled to charge.

4 **Sec. 2.** NRS 651.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 651.040 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
6 requires:

7 (a) "Establishment" means any hotel, motel, inn or motor court.

8 (b) "Owner" or "keeper" means any person, firm, association or  
9 corporation.

10 (c) "Rates" means the total charge levied at the establishment for rooms  
11 or accommodations.

12 2. ~~[(Pursuant to NRS 651.030, every owner or keeper of any hotel, inn,~~  
13 ~~motel or motor court in this state shall post, in a conspicuous place in the~~  
14 ~~office and in every bedroom of the establishment, a printed copy of a~~  
15 ~~statement of charge or rate of charges by the day for lodging.)] The rates~~  
16 ~~[(posted in the office and every bedroom of the establishment must display]~~  
17 ~~listed on the printed statement required to be maintained by an owner or~~  
18 ~~keeper of an establishment pursuant to NRS 651.030 must include~~ the  
19 daily rate of the room for occupancy by one person, for occupancy by two  
20 persons, the additional charge, if any, for each person over two persons and  
21 the additional charge, if any, for each additional bed provided in the room.  
22 Every establishment shall maintain a registration card for each room and  
23 supply the person or persons registering for accommodations a receipt.  
24 Both the registration card and the receipt must reflect the type of  
25 accommodations supplied, the number of persons occupying the  
26 accommodation and the rate charged each person therefor. An  
27 establishment shall not charge more than the ~~[(posted rates, or require as a~~  
28 ~~condition of securing accommodations that any person pay for a greater~~  
29 ~~number of days than actually requested or that the accommodations are~~  
30 ~~actually occupied by the person or persons.)] rates listed on the printed~~  
31 ~~statement required to be maintained by an owner or keeper of an~~  
32 ~~establishment pursuant to NRS 651.030.~~

33 3. For any violation of this section, or any provision herein contained,  
34 the offender shall forfeit to the injured party 3 times the amount of the sum  
35 charged in excess of what he is entitled to charge.

36 4. Any owner or keeper of any establishment who violates any of the  
37 provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

38 **Sec. 3.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses  
39 that were committed before the effective date of this act.

40 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.