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CHAPTER 122

The Department of Tourism and
Information Act

1. In this Act,

Interpre-
tation

- (a) "Department" means the Department of Tourism and Information;
- (b) "information centre" means a place that is held out to the public as being available for or engaged in furnishing travel information to the public, whether for hire or reward or otherwise;
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Tourism and Information;
- (d) "operate" means have the management and control;
- (e) "regulations" means the regulations made under this Act;
- (f) "sleeping accommodation" includes a campsite where any facility or service is provided for the supply of water or electricity or for the disposal of garbage or sewage;
- (g) "tourist establishment" means any premises operated to provide sleeping accommodation for the travelling public or sleeping accommodation for the use of the public engaging in recreational activities, and includes the services and facilities in connection with which sleeping accommodation is provided, but does not include,
 - (i) a camp operated by a charitable corporation approved under *The Charitable Institutions Act*, or
 - (ii) a summer camp within the meaning of the regulations made under *The Public Health Act*, or
 - (iii) a club owned by its members and operated without profit or gain. 1966, c. 44, s. 1.

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2.—(1) The department of the public service known as the Department of Tourism and Information is continued.

Department
continued

(2) The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Department and is responsible for the administration of such Acts and regulations made thereunder as are assigned to him by the provisions thereof or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. 1966, c. 44, s. 2.

Duties of
Minister

Objects

3.—(1) The objects of the Department are,

- (a) to preserve and develop tourist and recreational attractions;
- (b) to encourage and promote improvement in the standards of accommodation, facilities and services offered to the travelling and vacationing public; and
- (c) to publicize the tourist industry and the resources, attractions and advantages of Ontario.

Expenses

(2) The expenses of the Department in carrying out its objects shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature. 1966, c. 44, s. 3, *amended*.

Annual
report

4. The Minister shall after the close of each year submit to the Lieutenant Governor in Council an annual report upon the affairs of the Department and shall then lay the report before the Assembly if it is in session or, if not, at the next ensuing session. 1966, c. 44, s. 4.

Investi-
gation

5. The Minister may by order appoint one or more persons to investigate, inquire into and report to him upon any matter connected with or affecting the tourist industry, including accommodation, facilities or services offered to tourists, or the advertising or publicizing thereof, or of the resources, attractions or advantages of Ontario, and, for the purposes of the investigation and inquiry, any person making the investigation may administer oaths to witnesses and require them to give evidence under oath. 1966, c. 44, s. 5.

Licences

6.—(1) No person shall operate a tourist establishment without a licence therefor issued in accordance with the regulations.

Permit

(2) No person shall establish a tourist establishment or make an addition to or a structural alteration in a tourist establishment without a permit therefor issued in accordance with the regulations. 1966, c. 44, s. 6.

Filing and
posting up
of rates

7.—(1) The holder of a licence to operate a tourist establishment shall,

- (a) file with the Minister the rates for sleeping accommodation in the tourist establishment and alterations therein; and
- (b) post up the rates filed under clause *a* at the times and in the manner prescribed by the regulations.

Charging
of rates

(2) No person shall require or accept a payment for sleeping accommodation in excess of the rates filed with the Minister under subsection 1 and the regulations. 1966, c. 44, s. 7.

8. No person shall publish advertising matter or display any sign respecting tourist facilities, accommodation, services or attractions that does not comply with the regulations. 1966, c. 44, s. 8. Advertis-
ing

9.—(1) The Minister may designate employees of the Department as inspectors. Inspectors

(2) An inspector may inspect the premises, books and records of any tourist establishment for the purpose of enforcing this Act and the regulations, and, for the purpose of an inspection, may, Duties

(a) enter the premises of the tourist establishment or any part thereof and be accompanied on his inspection by a legally qualified medical practitioner, a constable or police officer, a municipal building or public health inspector, or an inspector appointed under *The Hotel Fire Safety Act*, *The Liquor Licence Act* or *The Power Commission Act*; and R.S.O. 1970,
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(b) require the production of the books and records of the tourist establishment, and examine and copy such books and records or any part thereof. 1966, c. 44, s. 9, amended.

10.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may set apart as an historical park any area in Ontario in which there is an object, site or land of historical significance for the use by the people of Ontario in connection with the enjoyment of such historic object, site or land. 1966, c. 44, s. 10 (1). Designation
of historical
parks

(2) The Minister is responsible for the development, control and management of historical parks. 1967, c. 24, s. 1. Responsi-
bility of
Minister

(3) Land may be acquired under *The Public Works Act* for the purpose of this section. 1966, c. 44, s. 10 (3). Acquisition
of land
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11.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish a committee in respect of any historical park, consisting of not more than ten members, to advise the Minister in the development and management of the park and in such other matters as the Minister refers to it. Advisory
Committee

(2) The members of a committee established under subsection 1 shall receive such remuneration for their services as the Lieutenant Governor in Council determines and shall be paid proper travelling and other expenses incurred in the work of the committee. 1967, c. 24, s. 2. Remunera-
tion for
members

12.—(1) Every person who contravenes any provision of this Act is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000. Penalty
for breach
of Act

Penalty for
breach of
regulations

(2) Every person who contravenes any provision of the regulations is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$500.

Operating
tourist
establish-
ment
without a
licence

(3) In addition to the penalty provided in subsection 1, a person who is convicted of a contravention of section 6 is liable to a fine of \$10 for each day the offence continues, not exceeding ninety days. 1966, c. 44, s. 11.

Regulations

13.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

- (a) providing for the issuance of permits and licences, prescribing the terms and conditions of the permits and licences, or any class thereof, and providing for their suspension or cancellation;
- (b) requiring the holders of permits and licences to make such returns and reports as are prescribed;
- (c) requiring the payment of fees in respect of the issuance of permits and licences and renewals thereof, and fixing the amounts of the fees;
- (d) providing for the apportionment and distribution of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the maintenance, development and promotion of the tourist industry and historical institutions, and providing for the conditions governing the payment thereof;
- (e) governing the content and the publication or display of advertising matter or signs respecting tourist facilities, accommodation, services or attractions;
- (f) governing the plans and specifications of tourist establishments, or any class thereof, and the facilities and equipment that shall be provided;
- (g) requiring information centres, or any class thereof, to be licensed, and providing for the inspection of licensed information centres and their books and records;
- (h) governing the operation of information centres and tourist establishments, or any class thereof;
- (i) prescribing the times when and the manner in which rates for sleeping accommodation in tourist establishments and alterations therein shall be filed with the Minister and posted up under section 7;
- (j) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (k) exempting any class of tourist establishment from this Act or the regulations or from any provision thereof;
- (l) requiring the payment of fees in respect of the use of historical parks or any part thereof or of any service

provided therein and prescribing the amount of such fees;

- (m) governing the use of historical parks;
- (n) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. 1966, c. 44, s. 12 (1); 1967, c. 24, s. 3.

(2) Any regulation made under subsection 1 may be general or Application particular in its application. 1966, c. 44, s. 12 (2).
