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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - HOTELS

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Amore, Serodio, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-14-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-14 entitled "Hotels" is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-14-4. Innkeeper's right to eject.**

4 (a) An innkeeper may remove or cause to be removed from a hotel a guest or other  
5 person who:

6 (1) Refuses or is unable to pay for accommodations or services;

7 (2) While on the premises of the hotel, acts in an obviously intoxicated manner, destroys  
8 or threatens to destroy hotel property, or causes or threatens to cause a public disturbance;

9 (3) The innkeeper has direct knowledge a person is using the premises for the unlawful  
10 possession or use of controlled substances by the person in violation of chapter 28 of title 21, or  
11 using the premises for the consumption of alcohol by a person under the age of twenty-one (21)  
12 years of age in violation of chapter 8 of title 3;

13 (4) The innkeeper has direct knowledge a person has brought property into the hotel that  
14 may be dangerous to other persons, such as firearms or explosives;

15 (5) A person violates any federal, state or local laws, ordinances, or rules relating to the  
16 hotel; ~~or~~

17 (6) Violates a rule of the hotel that is clearly and conspicuously posted at or near the front  
18 desk and on the inside of the entrance door of every guest room; or

19 (7) Is a level III high risk to reoffend sexual offender, who attempts to remain a hotel

1 [resident for more than thirty \(30\) consecutive days in any calendar year.](#)

2 (b) If the guest has paid in advance, the innkeeper shall tender to the guest any unused  
3 portion of the advance payment at the time of removal.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize an innkeeper to remove any guest who is a level III high risk to  
2 reoffend sexual offender who attempts to remain a hotel resident for more than thirty (30)  
3 consecutive days in any calendar year.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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