

SENATE BILL No. 254

AN ACT concerning certain nuisances; restricting the use of pyrotechnics and pyrotechnic devices and materials and providing remedies for violations; concerning the powers and duties of the state fire marshal; amending K.S.A. 22-3902, 22-3904, 31-133 and 41-2611 and K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 22-3901 and 41-2708 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 41-2611 is hereby amended to read as follows: 41-2611. The director may revoke or suspend any license issued pursuant to the club and drinking establishment act for any one or more of the following reasons:

(a) The licensee has fraudulently obtained the license by giving false information in the application therefor or any hearing thereon.

(b) The licensee has violated any of the provisions of this act or any rules or regulations adopted hereunder.

(c) The licensee has become ineligible to obtain a license or permit under this act.

(d) The licensee's manager or employee has been intoxicated while on duty.

(e) The licensee, or its manager or employee, has permitted any disorderly person to remain on premises where alcoholic liquor is sold by such licensee.

(f) There has been a violation of a provision of the laws of this state, or of the United States, pertaining to the sale of intoxicating or alcoholic liquors or cereal malt beverages, or any crime involving a morals charge, on premises where alcoholic liquor is sold by such licensee.

(g) The licensee, or its managing officers or any employee, has purchased and displayed, on premises where alcoholic liquor is sold by such licensee, a federal wagering occupational stamp issued by the United States treasury department.

(h) The licensee, or its managing officers or any employee, has purchased and displayed, on premises where alcoholic liquor is sold by such licensee, a federal coin operated gambling device stamp for the premises issued by the United States treasury department.

(i) The licensee holds a license as a class B club, drinking establishment or caterer and has been found guilty of a violation of article 10 of chapter 44 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated under a decision or order of the Kansas human rights commission which has become final or such licensee has been found guilty of a violation of K.S.A. 21-4003, and amendments thereto.

(j) *There has been a violation of K.S.A. 21-4106 or 21-4107, and amendments thereto, on premises where alcoholic liquor is sold by such licensee.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 41-2708 is hereby amended to read as follows: 41-2708. (a) The board of county commissioners or the governing body of any city, upon five days' notice to the persons holding a license, shall revoke or suspend the license for any one of the following reasons:

(1) The licensee has fraudulently obtained the license by giving false information in the application therefor;

(2) the licensee has violated any of the provisions of K.S.A. 41-2701 et seq., and amendments thereto, or any rules or regulations made by the board or the city, as the case may be;

(3) the licensee has become ineligible to obtain a license under this act;

(4) drunkenness of the licensee or permitting any intoxicated person to remain in *or upon* the licensee's place of business;

(5) the sale of cereal malt beverages to any person under the legal age for consumption of cereal malt beverage;

(6) the nonpayment of any license fees;

(7) permitting any gambling in or upon the licensee's place of business;

(8) permitting any person to mix drinks with materials purchased in *or upon* the place of business or brought in for that purpose;

(9) the employment of persons under 18 years of age in dispensing or selling cereal malt beverages;

(10) the employment or continuation in employment of a person in connection with the sale, serving or dispensing of cereal malt beverages if the licensee knows such person has been, within the preceding two years, adjudged guilty of a felony or of any violation of the intoxicating liquor laws of this state, another state or the United States;

(11) the sale or possession of, or permitting any person to use or

consume on the licensed premises, any alcoholic liquor as defined by K.S.A. 41-102, and amendments thereto; ~~or~~

(12) the licensee has been convicted of a violation of the beer and cereal malt beverage keg registration act; *or*

(13) *there has been a violation of K.S.A. 21-4106 or 21-4107, and amendments thereto, in or upon the licensee's place of business.*

(b) The provisions of subsections (a)(8) and (11) shall not apply if the place of business or premises ~~are~~ also *are* currently licensed as a club or drinking establishment pursuant to the club and drinking establishment act.

(c) Within 20 days after the order of the board revoking or suspending any license, the licensee may appeal to the district court and the district court shall proceed to hear such appeal as though such court had original jurisdiction of the matter. Any appeal taken from an order revoking or suspending the license shall not suspend the order of revocation or suspension during the pendency of any such appeal. In case of the revocation of the license of any licensee, no new license shall be issued to the former licensee, or to any person acting for or on the former licensee's behalf, for a period of six months thereafter.

New Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Place of public assembly" means a building or structure with an occupancy capacity of 50 or more.

(2) "Pyrotechnics" mean any controlled exothermic chemical reactions that are timed to create the effects of heat, gas, sound, dispersion of aerosols, emission of visible electromagnetic radiation or a combination of these effects to provide the maximum effect from the least volume for entertainment purposes.

(3) "Pyrotechnic device" means any device which contains pyrotechnic material and which is capable of producing a visual or audible effect for entertainment purposes.

(4) "Pyrotechnic material" means a chemical mixture used to produce visible or audible effects by combustion for entertainment purposes.

(b) (1) Except as provided by this section, the use of any pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic device or pyrotechnic material is prohibited in any building which is a place of public assembly.

(2) The use of pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic devices or pyrotechnic materials in violation of this section or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section or any ordinance or resolution prohibiting or restricting such use shall constitute a common nuisance.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) shall not apply to:

(1) Any building in which there has been installed an automatic sprinkler system which is adequate for suppression of a fire in the building or structure and such system is functioning properly;

(2) any building in which the interior and exterior walls and ceilings are constructed with or consist of fire-restrictive materials;

(3) candles that are securely supported on noncombustible bases and if the candle flame is protected;

(4) any other building, structure or use exempted by rules and regulations adopted by the state fire marshal.

(d) The state fire marshal shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the powers of cities and counties to regulate or restrict the use of pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic devices or pyrotechnic materials.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 22-3901 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-3901. The following unlawful activities and the use of real ~~and~~ or personal property in maintaining and carrying on such activities are hereby declared to be common nuisances:

(a) Commercial gambling;

(b) dealing in gambling devices;

(c) possession of gambling devices;

(d) promoting obscenity;

(e) promoting prostitution;

(f) habitually promoting prostitution;

(g) violations of any law regulating controlled substances;

(h) habitual violations of any law regulating the sale or exchange of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages, by any person not licensed pursuant to chapter 41 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated;

(i) habitual violations of any law regulating the sale or exchange of cigarettes or tobacco products, by any person not licensed pursuant to article 33 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated; ~~or~~

(j) any felony committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang, with the specific intent to promote, further or assist in any criminal conduct by gang members. As used in this subsection, “criminal street gang” means any organization, association or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more person felonies or felony violations of the uniform controlled substances act, K.S.A. 65-4101 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, which has a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, whose members, individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in the commission, attempted commission, conspiracy to commit or solicitation of two or more person felonies or felony violations of the uniform controlled substances act, K.S.A. 65-4101 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, or any substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction; *or*

(k) *use of pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic devices or pyrotechnic materials in violation of section 3, and amendments thereto.*

Any real property used as a place where any such activities are carried on or permitted to be carried on and any effects, equipment, paraphernalia, fixtures, appliances, musical instruments or other personal property designed for and used on such premises in connection with such unlawful activities are subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 22-3902, 22-3903 and 22-3904, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 22-3902 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-3902. (1) Unless otherwise provided by law, proceedings under K.S.A. 22-3901 through 22-3904, and amendments thereto, shall be governed by the provisions of the Kansas code of civil procedure relating to the abatement of common nuisances.

(2) (A) In addition to the procedure established by this section, if a person is arrested for an unlawful act listed in K.S.A. 22-3901, and amendments thereto, the attorney general, city, county or district attorney may petition the court for a hearing to determine whether an unlawful activity is or has been occurring on such owner’s property. The owner of the property on which such person is or was committing an unlawful activity may be given notice of such hearing. *Except as provided by paragraph (B)*, a hearing shall be held before the court within 30 days of the notification. If the court determines by a preponderance of the evidence that an unlawful act occurred, such act shall render void any lease under which a tenant holds possession, and shall cause the right of possession to revert to the owner who may evict the tenant. If the owner does not commence eviction proceedings against the tenant within 30 days of the court determination, the attorney general or the city, county or district attorney may proceed to file a petition pursuant to subsection (3). The provisions of this subsection are in addition to any remedy provided pursuant to the residential landlord and tenant act.

(B) *In the case of a violation of subsection (k) of K.S.A. 22-3901, and amendments thereto, a hearing shall be held before the court within five days of the notification.*

(3) Proceedings under K.S.A. 22-3901 through 22-3904, and amendments thereto, shall be instituted only in the name of the state of Kansas upon the petition of the attorney general or the city, county or district attorney to enjoin a nuisance within the city, county or district.

(4) The petition shall describe any real estate alleged to be used or to have been used as a place where such common nuisance is or was maintained or permitted and shall identify the owner or person in charge of such real estate. It shall describe any effects, equipment, paraphernalia, fixtures, appliances, musical instruments or other personal property designed for and used in such unlawful activity. It shall pray for the particular relief sought with respect to such property.

(5) The petition for injunction may include or be accompanied by an application for an order for the seizure of the effects, equipment, paraphernalia, fixtures, appliances, musical instruments or other personal property described in the petition. If the court finds that there is probable cause to believe that the personal property described is or has been used for any of the unlawful purposes set forth in K.S.A. 22-3901 and amend-

ments thereto, the court may order the sheriff or other law enforcement officer to seize such personalty and to hold it in custody pending further order of the court. An order for seizure shall particularly describe the personal property to be seized.

(6) An order for seizure of materials alleged to be obscene shall not be issued until after a hearing at which evidence in support of the application for such order has been heard. At least three days notice of such hearing shall be given to the owner or person in possession of such material. Pending such hearing, the court may make an order prohibiting the owner or person in possession from removing such material from the jurisdiction of the court.

(7) No bond or other security shall be required for any restraining order, order for seizure or injunction issued under K.S.A. 22-3901 through 22-3904, and amendments thereto, in an action brought by the attorney general or city, county or district attorney.

(8) The provisions of K.S.A. 22-3901 through 22-3904, and amendments thereto, shall not limit nor otherwise affect proceedings under K.S.A. 60-908 and amendments thereto, but shall be supplemental and in addition to, and not in lieu of, the remedy provided by that statute.

(9) The attorney general or the city, county or district attorney shall give notice of proceedings under K.S.A. 22-3901 through 22-3904 and amendments thereto by sending a copy of the petition to enjoin a nuisance by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each person having ownership of or a security interest in the property if: (a) The property is of a type for which title, registration or deed is required by law; (b) the owner of the property is known in fact at the time of seizure; or (c) the property is subject to a security interest perfected in accordance with the uniform commercial code. The attorney general or the city, county or district attorney shall be obligated only to make diligent search and inquiry as to the owner of the property and if, after diligent search and inquiry, the attorney general or city, county or district attorney is unable to ascertain the owner, the requirement of actual notice by mail with respect to persons having perfected security interest in the property shall not be applicable.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 22-3904 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-3904. (1) Upon final judgment that any real property is being or has been used as a place where any of the unlawful activities set forth in K.S.A. 22-3901 and amendments thereto are carried on or permitted to be carried on, the court may order that any house, ~~room~~, building, ~~room~~ or other structure located on such real estate be closed and padlocked for a period of not more than two years, subject to modification in the manner provided by K.S.A. 60-910 and amendments thereto, if the court finds that the owner of the property knew or should have known under the circumstances of the maintenance of a common nuisance on the property and did not make a bona fide attempt to abate such nuisance under the circumstances. The court may require, as part of the judgment, that the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant enter into a bond to the state of Kansas, in such amount and with security as the court may require, conditioned that such owner, lessee, tenant or occupant will not within a period of two years use or permit the use of such real estate in violation of law. If any condition of such bond is violated, the whole amount may be recovered as a penalty. In addition, the court may assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 against any or all defendants, based upon the severity of the nuisance and its duration. Such penalty shall be paid into the county treasury, if recovered by a county or district attorney, and into the city treasury, if recovered by a city attorney.

(2) Upon final judgment that any effects, equipment, paraphernalia, fixtures, appliances, musical instruments or other personal property are designed for and have been used in carrying on any of the unlawful activities set forth in K.S.A. 22-3901 and amendments thereto, the court may order that such effects, equipment, paraphernalia, fixtures, appliances, musical instruments and other personal property be publicly destroyed by the sheriff or other law enforcement officer or that such personal property be sold in the manner provided for sales in execution of judgment.

(3) The proceeds of any sale of personal property pursuant to subsection (2) shall be applied as follows:

(a) First, to the fees and costs of the *abatement or removal of the nuisance and the sale*.

(b) Second, to the costs of closing the structure and keeping it closed.

(c) Third, to payment of the costs of the action.

(d) Fourth, to payment of any civil penalty imposed pursuant to this section or any fine imposed for contempt in the proceedings.

(e) Fifth, to the owner of the personal property.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3), upon final judgment for the state the court shall adjudge that any defendant who was maintaining the common nuisance pay all costs, including a reasonable fee, fixed by the court, to be paid to the prosecuting attorney. Such costs shall be a lien upon any real property against which an order of abatement is obtained, if the court finds that the owner of such property knew or should have known under the circumstances of the maintenance of the common nuisance on the property and did not make a bona fide attempt to abate such nuisance under the circumstances.

(5) For purposes of this section, evidence of a bona fide attempt to abate such nuisance by the owner of the property shall include, but not be limited to, the filing of a written report, by such owner or at such owner's direction, to the local law enforcement agency that the property is suspected by the owner of the property of being used in maintaining and carrying on any of the unlawful activities set forth in K.S.A. 22-3901 and amendments thereto.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 31-133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 31-133.

(a) The state fire marshal shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations, consistent with the provisions of this act, for the safeguarding of life and property from fire, explosion and hazardous materials. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to the following:

(1) The keeping, storage, use, sale, handling, transportation or other disposition of highly flammable materials, including crude petroleum or any of its products, natural gas for use in motor vehicles, and of explosives, including gunpowder, dynamite, fireworks and firecrackers; and any such rules and regulations may prescribe the materials and construction of receptacles and buildings to be used for any of such purposes;

(2) the transportation of liquid fuel over public highways in order to provide for the public safety in connection therewith;

(3) the construction, maintenance and regulation of exits and fire escapes from buildings and all other places in which people work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose, including apartment houses, as defined by K.S.A. 31-132a, and amendments thereto. Such rules and regulations shall not apply to buildings used wholly as dwelling houses containing no more than two families;

(4) the installation and maintenance of equipment intended for fire control, detection and extinguishment in all buildings and other places in which persons work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose, including apartment houses as defined by K.S.A. 31-132a, and amendments thereto. Such rules and regulations shall not apply to buildings used wholly as dwelling houses containing no more than two families;

(5) requiring administrators of public and private schools and educational institutions, except community colleges, colleges and universities, to conduct at least one fire drill each month at some time during school hours, aside from the regular dismissal at the close of the day's session, and prescribing the manner in which such fire drill is to be conducted;

(6) procedures for the reporting of fires and explosions occurring within the state and for the investigation thereof;

(7) procedures for reporting by health care providers of treatment of second and third degree burn wounds involving 20% or more of the victim's body and requiring hospitalization of the victim, which reporting is hereby authorized notwithstanding any provision of K.S.A. 60-427, and amendments thereto, to the contrary;

(8) requiring administrators of public and private schools and educational institutions, except community colleges, colleges and universities, to establish tornado procedures, which procedures shall provide for at least three tornado drills to be conducted each year at some time during school hours, aside from the regular dismissal at the close of the day's session, shall describe the manner in which such tornado drills are to be conducted, and shall be subject to approval by the state fire marshal;

(9) requiring administrators of community colleges, colleges and universities to establish tornado procedures, which procedures shall be subject to approval by the director of the disaster agency of the county;

(10) the development and implementation of a statewide system of hazardous materials assessment and response; ~~and~~

(11) *the use of pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic devices and pyrotechnic materials; and*

~~(11)~~ (12) other safeguards, protective measures or means adapted to render inherently safe from the hazards of fire or the loss of life by fire any building or other place in which people work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose, except buildings used wholly as dwelling houses containing no more than two families.

(b) Any rules and regulations of the state fire marshal adopted pursuant to this section may incorporate by reference specific editions, or portions thereof, of nationally recognized fire prevention codes.

(c) The rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall allow facilities in service prior to the effective date of such rules and regulations, and not in strict conformity therewith, to continue in service, so long as such facilities are not determined by the state fire marshal to constitute a distinct hazard to life or property. Any such determination shall be subject to the appeal provisions contained in K.S.A. 31-140, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 8. (a) Upon a conviction of a violation of K.S.A. 21-4106 or 21-4607, and amendments thereto, for maintaining or permitting a public nuisance on the premises of a club or drinking establishment licensed under the club and drinking establishment act, the court shall report such conviction to the director of alcoholic beverage control.

(b) Upon a conviction of a violation of K.S.A. 21-4106 or 21-4607, and amendments thereto, for maintaining or permitting a public nuisance on the premises of a retailer licensed under K.S.A. 41-2701 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, the court shall report such conviction to the governing body of the city or county which issued the license.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 22-3902, 22-3904, 31-133 and 41-2611 and K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 22-3901 and 41-2708 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE concurred in _____
HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.