

327.75 FRAUD; PROOF OF FRAUD.

Subdivision 1. **Fraud.** A person who obtains food, lodging or other accommodations at any hotel or restaurant without paying therefor, with intent to defraud the owner or manager, or who obtains credit for food, lodging, or other accommodations at any hotel or restaurant, with intent to defraud the owner or manager, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. **Proof of fraud.** Prima facie evidence of the fraudulent intent referred to in subdivision 1 includes:

(a) proof that the person obtained the services or credit for the services by false pretense, or by false or fictitious show or pretense of baggage or other property;

(b) proof that the person refused or neglected to pay for the services upon demand;

(c) proof that the person gave in payment of the services negotiable paper on which payment was refused;

(d) proof that the person absconded without offering to pay for the services; or

(e) proof that the person surreptitiously removed or attempted to remove baggage owned by that person.

History: 1982 c 517 s 6; 1986 c 444