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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-6-22b; and to amend and reenact §16-6-23 of said code, all relating to requiring hotels and restaurants to secure manhole covers of certain grease traps by a certain date; providing methods for securing the manhole covers; authorizing the commissioner to specify the method of limiting access to the manhole; authorizing the promulgation of emergency rules; and increasing the civil penalty for noncompliance with the requirements of the article.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 6. HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

§16-6-22b. Hotels and restaurants to secure covers of grease traps.

- (a) This section applies to hotels and restaurants that use grease traps that are outdoors
 or are in areas that are accessible to members of the general public.
 - (b)(1) Grease traps with manhole covers shall be designed to withstand expected loads and prevent access by children.
 - (A) The manhole cover shall be secured by a bolt or locking mechanism and be constructed of round cast iron or similar construction with sufficient weight to prevent unauthorized access.
 - (B) The commissioner may specify either method of limiting access to the manhole, if the method conforms to paragraph (A) of this subdivision and prevents unauthorized access.
 - (2) A hotel or restaurant shall ensure that a grease trap manhole is closed and secured or locked, if applicable, at all times.
 - (c) The secretary shall propose emergency rules for promulgation in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code for the implementation and administration of this section.
 - (d) All hotels and restaurants using grease traps shall comply with subsection (b) of this section no later than October 1, 2020.

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§16-6-23. Offenses.

- Any person, firm, or corporation operating a hotel or a restaurant in this state, or who shall let a building to be used for such purposes, without first having complied with the provisions of this article, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined \$50 for each
- 4 day the failure to comply continues.

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