

SANITARY RULES AND REGULATIONS No. 1

USE OF DRINKING VESSELS IN PUBLIC PLACES; RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING; PROMULGATED

GOVERNMENT OF PORTO RICO
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BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO—A PROCLAMATION

Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 1.—Use of drinking vessels in public places; rules and regulations governing; promulgated.

The following rules and regulations, prescribed by the Insular Board of Health, and approved by the Executive Council on June 5, 1912, are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE COMMON USE OF TUMBLERS IN COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, FACTORIES, WORK SHOPS, MILLS, RAILWAY TRAINS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES

IN SCHOOLS

Section 1.—All public and private schools shall be provided with good drinking water, which shall be filtered in sufficient quantity for the use of teachers and pupils.

The use of open receptacles as deposits for water is prohibited. The receptacles used for this purpose shall be covered with metal or porcelain covers, and shall be provided with faucets or spigots, and shall be emptied and cleaned daily before being refilled.

The common use of drinking vessels of any kind or shape, such as tumblers, glasses, cups, etc., is prohibited.

The corporation or person under whose direction and in whose custody the school is placed shall provide the means whereby those in attendance at the school may be able to drink without infringing the previous prohibition.

Despite the former prohibition, in towns provided with aqueducts, the faucets from which the supply of water for drinking purposes is drawn, may be provided with an attachable sanitary filter.

OTHER PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS

Section 2.—The common use of tumblers or receptacles of any sort in stations, trains, steamers, passenger launches, theatres, churches, offices, factories, work shops, public establishments, boulevards, parks, or in any other places where the assembly of persons makes it imperative to provide such places with drinking water, is prohibited.

In places where deposits are used the same shall fulfill the conditions required in section 1.

Section 3.—No one shall be allowed to drink by applying the mouth directly to the faucet or spigot which provides the drinking water for public consumption.

Section 4.—The conductors of all trains, station master, owners or agents of cafés, or any other public establishments, shall see that sections 2 and 3 of these rules and regulations are complied with.

Section 5.—The health officers and the police are authorized to see that these rules and regulations are implicitly obeyed, and shall report any cases of infringement of same to the competent courts of justice.

Any infringement of the provisions of these rules and regulations shall be punished in accordance with section 33 of the Law of Sanitation, in force since April 1, 1912.

Being so promulgated, and having been published in two newspapers of general circulation in the Island, in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of Act No. 81, approved March 14, 1912, the said rules and regulations, entitled, "Rules and Regulations Governing the Common Use of Tumblers in Colleges, Schools, Commercial Establishments, Factories, Work Shops, Mills, Railway Trains, and other public places," on and after this date have the force and effect of law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of Porto Rico to be affixed at the city of San Juan this twelfth day of June, A. D. nineteen hundred and twelve.

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M. DREW CARREL,
Acting Governor.

Promulgated according to law, June 12, 1912.

R. SIACA PACHECO,
Acting Secretary of Porto Rico.

