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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 994

House of Representatives, February 23, 1965

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dumont of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Duties of Department of Health and Welfare Concerning Water Supplies.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 3 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The department shall consult with and advise the authorities of municipalities and persons and corporations having, or about to have, systems of water supply, as to the most appropriate source of water supply and the best method of assuring its purity, and all such authorities and persons shall submit to the department for its ~~advice~~ **approval**, their plans and specifications for all new ~~systems of water supply sources, and all new purification systems and plants, and for any replacement of a major portion of an existing system of water supply source or purification plant, before installing or replacing such facilities~~ **but they shall not be required to submit to the department for such advice any proposed repair, alteration, relocation or extension of their existing systems of water supply.**'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 2431, amended. Section 2431 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'§ 2431. Samples for examination; polluted; cost

The Department of Health and Welfare may require any person, firm, corporation, municipality or water district selling **or furnishing** water for domestic purposes to ~~furnish~~ **submit** samples thereof for chemical and bacteriological examination, and if said water is found to be contaminated, polluted ~~and~~ **or** unfit for

domestic use, the department may issue an order prohibiting the transporting, sale, distribution or supplying of such water as long as such contamination, pollution ~~and or~~ unfitness remains ~~and~~. **The department** may issue an order directing the installation and operation of such purification equipment as may be reasonable and proper, and may make reasonable rules and regulations for ~~the adequate operation of all water purification equipment~~ **purification systems and methods necessary for maintaining the purity of the water furnished.**

Representatives of the department may enter upon the premises and inspect any water purification equipment to determine compliance with the law, department orders and department rules and regulations. Any person, firm, corporation, municipality or water district required under this section to ~~furnish~~ **submit** samples of water sold ~~or to be sold or furnished~~ by it for domestic purposes shall pay the shipping charges thereon, and the department shall charge the average cost of the analysis for such examination to the person, firm, corporation, municipality or water district required to have such test made.'