

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1668

H. P. 1264

House of Representatives, April 13, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Millett of Dixmont.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Testing of Private Water Supplies by Department of  
Health and Welfare.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the volume of requests for the testing of private water supplies now exceeds the capacity of the public health laboratory; and

Whereas, unreasonable delays in testing water supplies can cause a threat to the public health; and

Whereas, unreasonable delays in testing water can create serious problems in real estate transfers when FHA and VA are involved; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 562, amended.** Section 562 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The department may make a charge, not to exceed the cost of testing, for chemical and bacteriological examination of private water supplies. All such fees collected shall be credited to the General Fund.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$47,140 to provide for expan-

sion of laboratory services for testing of water supplies. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(1) \$13,022	(1) \$13,768
All Other	475	700
Capital Expenditures	10,025	9,150
	<u>\$23,522</u>	<u>\$23,618</u>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this Act shall become effective July 1, 1971.

#### FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that this Act will produce revenue in the amount of \$24,000 per year.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is stated in the emergency preamble.