

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 1077**

H. P. 911

House of Representatives, March 2, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Michaud of East Millinocket.

Cosponsor: Representative C. B. Smith of Island Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Provide for State Enforcement of Plumbing Code.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 22 MRSA § 42, sub-§ 3-B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 390, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**3-B. Inspection of plumbing.** The department shall adopt rules and regulations providing for the inspection of plumbing facilities. The department shall appoint plumbing inspectors to conduct inspections in the unorganized areas of the State and in municipalities and in situations which do not appoint plumbing inspectors. The department may reimburse plumbing inspectors for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Sec. 2.** 30 MRSA § 3222, sub-§ 1, first ¶ as enacted by PL 1973, c. 521, § 4, is amended to read:

In every municipality, the municipal officers shall may appoint one or more inspectors of plumbing, who may or may not be residents of the municipality for which they are appointed, and who shall to hold office for one year.

**Sec. 3.** 30 MRSA § 3222, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 521, § 4, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**In municipalities where no plumbing inspector is appointed by the municipal officers, inspectors shall be conducted by the inspectors appointed by the Department of Human Services under Title 22, section 42, subsection 3-B.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to remove the provision which requires municipalities to have plumbing inspectors. If municipalities wish to have local inspectors they may, but if they do not the State will appoint the inspectors and enforce the Plumbing Code.