

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

AN ACT relative to the supervision of the business of
plumbing.

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

Section 1. The words "practical plumber," as used in this
2 act shall mean a person who has learned the business of
3 plumbing by working for at least two years as an apprentice
4 or under a verbal agreement for instruction, and who has
5 then worked for at least one year as a first-class journey-
6 man plumber.

The word "journeyman" as used in this act shall mean a
8 person who himself does any work in plumbing which is by
9 law, ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation subject to in-
10 spection.

Sect. 2. In every city or town where there is a system
2 of water supply or sewerage the Board of Health may with-
3 in three months after the provisions of this act take effect
4 and thereafter whenever necessary appoint one or more in-
5 spectors of plumbing, who may or may not be residents of
6 the town or city for which they are appointed, and who
7 shall hold office for one year, and in every city or town
8 where there is a system of water supply or sewerage at
9 least one member of the Board of Health shall be a practi-
10 cal plumber within the meaning of this act.

Sect. 3. The compensation of said inspectors shall be de-
2 termined by the board appointing them, subject to the ap-
3 proval of the municipal officers, and shall be paid from the
4 treasury of their respective cities or towns. Such inspec-
5 tors shall inspect all plumbing for which permits are grant-
6 ed within their respective cities or towns, which is in process
7 of construction, alteration or repair, and shall report to
8 said board all violations of any law, ordinance, by-law, rule
9 or regulation relative to plumbing; and also perform such
10 other appropriate duties as may be required. The approval
11 of plumbing by any inspector other than those provided for
12 by this chapter shall not be a compliance with the provisions
13 hereof.

Sect. 4. No inspector of plumbing shall inspect or ap-
2 prove any plumbing work done by himself, or by any per-
3 son by whom he is employed, or who is employed by or
4 with him, but in a city or town which is subject to the pro-

5 visions of this chapter, the Board of Health shall appoint an
6 additional inspector of plumbing, in the same manner and
7 subject to the same qualifications as the regular inspector
8 of plumbing, who shall inspect, in the manner prescribed in
9 this chapter, plumbing done by the regular inspector or by
10 any person by whom he is employed, or who is employed by
11 or with him. Said additional inspector may act in case of
12 the absence or inability of the regular inspector, and shall
13 receive for his services the same compensation as the reg-
14 ular inspector for a like duty.

Sect. 5. Each city or town which has therein a system
2 of water supply or sewerage, shall by ordinance or by-law,
3 within three months from the time this act takes effect,
4 prescribe regulations for the materials, construction, alter-
5 ation, and inspection of all pipes, tanks, faucets, valves and
6 other fixtures by and through which waste or sewerage is
7 used and carried; and shall provide that such pipes, tanks,
8 faucets, valves or other fixtures shall not be placed in any
9 building in such city or town, except in accordance with
10 plans approved by the inspector of plumbing or by the
11 board of health; and shall further provide that no plumbing
12 shall be done, except to repair leaks, without a permit being
13 first issued therefor, upon such terms and conditions as
14 such cities or towns shall prescribe. The provisions of this
15 section shall not prevent boards of health from making
16 such regulations relative to plumbing and house drainage
17 authorized by law prior to the time when this act takes

18 effect, as are not inconsistent with any ordinance or by-law
19 made under the authority of this section.

Sect. 6. Whoever violates any provision of this chapter
2 or any ordinance, by-law or regulation made hereunder,
3 shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more
4 than fifty dollars for each offence.

Sect. 7. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all
2 persons learning the business of plumbing when they are
3 sent out to do the work of a journeyman plumber.

Sect. 8. Any person who now holds an appointment as
2 inspector of plumbing, may retain his position, and, with-
3 out further examination, be deemed to have been appointed
4 under the provisions of this chapter.

Sect. 9. Inspectors of plumbing and boards of health
2 shall annually, before the first day of June, make a full
3 report in detail to their respective cities or towns of all
4 their proceedings during the year under the provisions of
5 this chapter.

Sect. 10. Municipal and police courts and trial justices
2 shall have jurisdiction of all complaints and prosecutions
3 under this act.

Sect. 11. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed.