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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 684**

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H. P. 1106            House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brewster of Wells.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to the Control of the State Department of  
Health Over Plumbing.

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

Section one hundred and twenty-one of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Sec. 121. Any city or town, which has therein a system of water supply or sewerage, may by ordinance or by-law, prescribe regulations for the materials, construction, alteration and inspection of all pipes, tanks, faucets, valves and other fixtures, connected or to be connected with any such systems, through which waste or sewage is used and carried, and for the materials and sizes of pipes which carry water to all plumbing fixtures so connected, and shall provide that such pipes, tanks, faucets, valves and other fixtures shall not be placed in any building in such city or town so connected with any such public water or sewerage system, except, and until after the issuing of a permit for the installation of such work, issued by the inspector of plumbing in such city or town in accordance with either a written description, plan, drawing, or information conveying a clear, definite, and comprehensible idea of the work to be done and the purpose to be accomplished.

‘Sec. 121A. The county commissioners of each county shall select from the inhabitants thereof three adult persons, one of whom shall be a practical plumber, engaged in the trade, one practising physician, and one a contractor and builder, and appoint them to serve for the term of three years, to constitute and be known as a rural board of plumbing; said board shall promulgate and establish rules and regulations governing the materials, construction, sizes of pipe, faucets, valves and other fixtures to be used for the conveyance of water or sewage within the territorial limits of said county and not connected with public water or sewerage systems otherwise governed by the previous provisions of this act. Said rules and regulations shall have the same force and effect as ordinances and by-laws of cities and towns herein provided for, and said rules and regulations so established shall be printed and supplied by said board to all plumbing inspectors within the county and no plumbing construction or alteration shall be undertaken, pipes laid, or fixtures installed except and until after the application is made and permit issued as hereinbefore provided for.

‘Sec. 121B. The said rural board of plumbing in each county may establish, and cities and towns by ordinances or by-laws may establish, their respective fees to be charged for permits but in no case shall said fees exceed the sum of one dollar for each permit. One-half of said fees, so collected, shall be paid to the state department of health, and the remainder to the city, town or county whose regulations, ordinances, or by-laws provided for the fee so collected. The county commissioners shall fix and determine the compensation to be paid the members of said rural board of plumbing, which said commissioners deem commensurate with the value and amount of service rendered in formulating, establishing, printing and distributing the copies of said rules and regulations herein provided for, which may be altered, revised, amended or changed by said board whenever it may seem to said board expedient.

‘Sec. 121C. In any city or town which does not prescribe plumbing regulations as herein provided for, the rules and regulations of the state department of health in relation to plumbing work shall have full force and effect over all matters which might have, by the provisions of this act, been effected

and governed by the enacting of such ordinances or by-laws; and in any county which does not appoint a rural board of plumbing and establish rules and regulations as herein provided, the rules and regulations of the state department of health in relation to plumbing work shall have full force and effect over all matters which might, by the provisions of this act, have been effected and governed by the rules and regulations of said rural board of plumbing. In any city, town or county where the ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations are not established or enacted, as herein provided for, and the rules and regulations of the state department of health apply, plumbing inspectors shall issue said permits and charge therefor fees established by said department, not exceeding the sum of one dollar for each permit, to be paid in to said department and devoted to the expenses incurred in carrying out and making effective the provisions of this act.

'Sec. 121D. Whoever violates any provision of sections one hundred and twenty-one, one hundred and twenty-one A, one hundred and twenty-one B, one hundred and twenty-one C, or any ordinance, by-law, or regulation made thereunder shall be subject to the penalty provided by section one hundred and twenty-four of this chapter.

'Sec. 121E. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with sections one hundred and twenty-one, one hundred and twenty-one A, one hundred and twenty-one B, one hundred and twenty-one C, and one hundred and twenty-one D, are hereby repealed.'