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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Mr. Wright from Committee on Public Health and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section 1. Section 121 of chapter 22 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, may by ordinance or by-law, prescribe regulations for the materials, construction, alteration and inspection of all pipes, tanks, faucets, valves and other fixtures by and through which waste or sewage is used and carried, and for the materials and sizes of pipe which carry water to all plumbing fixtures, which regulations shall provide not less than the minimum requirements of the rules and regulations of the state department of health in relation to plumbing work, for the carrying of such waste and sewage and for the materials and sizes of pipe which carry water to all plumbing fixtures, and shall provide that such pipes, tanks, faucets, valves or other fixtures, shall not be placed in any building in such city or town, (except to repair leaks or replace an old fixture to be used for the same purpose) except 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 a written description or information on such application blanks as shall be approved and furnished to such cities or towns by the state department of health.'

Said chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby further amended by adding thereto after section 121, the following sub-sections.

'Sec. 121A. Such permits shall be issued on the payment of a fee not less than fifty cents for each such permit but not more than one dollar per fixture, up to a total of five fixtures, for over five fixtures not less than ten cents and not more than thirty cents shall be charged for each additional fixture, as shall be determined by such ordinance or by-law, one-third of the amount of such fees shall be paid through the state department of health to the state treasurer to be maintained as a permanent fund and used by the state department of health for the carrying out of the provisions of section 121 and section 121B. The remainder shall be paid to the treasury of the city or town and used exclusively for carrying out the plumbing laws in such cities or towns. Fixtures for the purposes of this act shall be defined as: receptacles intended to receive and discharge water, liquid, or water carried wastes into a drainage system with which they are connected.

The state department of health shall hold hearings on the first Tuesdays of February and August of each year or oftener if deemed advisable for the purpose of considering changes in the rules and regulations pertaining to plumbing.'

'Sec. 121B. In any city or town which does not prescribe plumbing regulations as provided for in section 121, the rules and regulations of the state department of health in relation to plumbing work for the carrying of such waste and sewage and for the materials and sizes of pipe which carry water to all plumbing fixtures, shall have full force and effect. Permits for the installation of such plumbing in such cities or towns shall be issued by a local inspector appointed or approved by the state department of health on the payment of such fees as shall be determined by that department within the limitations as to amount set forth in section 121A of this act. All amounts so received shall be paid into the state fund described in section 121A.'

'Sec. 121C. Whoever violates any provision of sections 121, 121A and 121B or any ordinance, by-law or regulation made thereunder shall be subject to the penalty provided by section 124 of this chapter.'