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House of Representatives, February 28, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carey of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Systems of Water Supply.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

‘The Department shall consult with and advise the authorities of municipalities and persons and corporations having, or about to have, systems of water supply, as to the most appropriate source of water supply and the best method of assuring its purity, and all such authorities and persons shall submit to the Department for its approval their plans and specifications for all new water systems and all new purification plants, and for all alterations in existing water supply systems and purification plants, before installing or altering such facilities.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, § 141, amended. Section 141 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 141. Samples for examination of water sold for domestic purposes; if polluted; cost; inspection.** The Department may require any person, firm, corporation, municipality or water district selling water for domestic purposes to furnish samples thereof for chemical and bacteriological examination, and if said water is found to be contaminated, polluted and unfit for domestic use, the Department may issue an order prohibiting the transporting, sale, distribution or supplying of such water as long as such contamination, pollution and unfitness remains, and may issue an order directing the installation and operation

of such purification equipment as the Department may deem necessary, and may make rules and regulations for the adequate operation of all water purification equipment. Representatives of the Department may enter upon the premises and inspect any water purification equipment to determine compliance with the law, Department orders and Department rules and regulations. Any person, firm, corporation, municipality or water district required under the provisions of this section to furnish samples of the water sold or to be sold by it for domestic purposes shall pay the shipping charges thereon, and the Department shall charge the average cost of the analysis for such examination to the person, firm, corporation, municipality or water district required to have such test made.