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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

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 advice, their plans and specifications for all new systems of water supply and all new purification plants, and for any replacement of a major portion of an existing system of water supply or purification plant, before installing or replacing such facilities, but they shall not be required to submit to the Department for such advice any proposed repair, alteration, relocation or extension of their existing systems of water supply.’

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 unfit-

ness remains, and may issue an order directing the installation and operation of such purification equipment as may be reasonable and proper, and may make reasonable 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.'