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## Chapter 169.

An Act relative to the supervision of the business of Plumbing.

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

Words "practical plumber" defined.

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

—word "journeyman" defined.

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

Inspectors of plumbing, appointment of.

Section 2. In every city or town where there is a system of water supply or sewerage the board of health may within three months after the provision of this act take effect and thereafter whenever necessary appoint one or more inspectors of plumbing, who may or may not be residents of the town or city for which they are appointed, and who shall hold office for one year, and in every city or town where there is a system of water supply or sewerage at least one member of the board of health shall be a practical plumber within the meaning of this act.

—tenure.

Compensation of inspectors, how determined and paid.

Section 3. The compensation of said inspectors shall be determined by the board appointing them, subject to the approval of the municipal officers, and shall be paid from the treasury of their respective cities or towns. Such inspectors shall inspect all plumbing for which permits are granted within their respective cities or towns, which is in process of construction, alteration or repair, and shall report to said board all violations of any law, ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation relative to plumbing; and also perform such other appropriate duties as may be required. The approval of plumbing by any inspector other than those provided for by this chapter shall not be a compliance with the provisions hereof.

—duties.

No inspector shall approve his own work.

Section 4. No inspector of plumbing shall inspect or approve any plumbing work done by himself, or by any person by whom he is employed, or who is employed by or with him, but in a city or town which is subject to the provisions of this chapter, the board of health shall appoint an additional inspector of plumbing, in the same manner and subject to the same qualifications as the regular inspector of plumbing, who shall inspect, in the manner prescribed in this chapter, plumbing done by the regular inspector or by any person by whom he is employed, or who is employed by or with him. Said additional inspector may act in case of the absence or inability

—inspector to examine work done by regular inspector.

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of the regular inspector, and shall receive for his services the same compensation as the regular inspector for a like duty.

Section 5. Each city or town which has therein a system of water supply or sewerage, shall by ordinance or by-law, within three months from the time this act takes effect, prescribe regulations for the materials, construction, alteration, and inspection of all pipes, tanks, faucets, valves and other fixtures by and through which waste or sewerage is used and carried; 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 in accordance with plans approved by the inspector of plumbing or by the board of health; and shall further provide that no plumbing shall be done, except to repair leaks, without a permit being first issued therefor, upon such terms and conditions as such cities or towns shall prescribe. The provisions of this section shall not prevent boards of health from making such regulations relative to plumbing and house drainage authorized by law prior to the time when this act takes effect, as are not inconsistent with any ordinance or by-law made under the authority of this section.

Every city or town having water supply or sewerage system shall prescribe regulations.

—shall not prevent boards of health from making regulations.

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

Penalty for violation of this act.

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

Journeyman plumbers, persons doing the work of.

Section 8. Any person who now holds an appointment as inspector of plumbing, may retain his position, and, without further examination, be deemed to have been appointed under the provisions of this chapter.

Not to apply to present appointee.

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

Annual reports.

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

Court jurisdiction.

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

Inconsistent acts repealed.