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## Chapter 235.

### 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:*

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 22, sec. 121; relating to plumbing regulations, amended. Section one hundred 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.** Cities and towns may prescribe plumbing regulations, subject to state minimum. 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.'

**Sec. 2.** R. S., c. 22; amended by new sections on plumbing regulations. Said chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes is hereby further amended by adding thereto after section one hundred twenty-one, the following new sections:

**'Sec. 121A.** Issue of permits, fees; distribution of fees; hearings on regulations. Such permits shall be issued on the payment of a fee of 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 one hundred twenty-one and section one hundred twenty-one B. 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 chapter 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. Regulations of state department of health control where no local regulations are made; provision for local inspectors.** In any city or town which does not prescribe plumbing regulations as provided for in section one hundred twenty-one, 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 one hundred twenty-one A. All amounts so received shall be paid into the state fund described in section one hundred twenty-one A.

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

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 Inconsistent acts repealed.** All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with sections one hundred twenty-one, one hundred twenty-one A, one hundred twenty-one B and one hundred twenty-one C are hereby repealed.'

Approved April 3, 1931.