

HOUSE No. 65

Accompanying the fifth recommendation of the Department of Public Health
(House, No. 60). Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE POLLUTION OF SOURCES OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 160 and inserting in place thereof the follow-
3 ing section:—

4 *Section 160.* The department may cause examinations of
5 such waters to be made to ascertain their purity and fitness for
6 domestic use, or the possibility of their impairing the interests
7 of the public or of persons lawfully using them or of imperiling
8 the public health. It may issue such orders as in its opinion
9 may be necessary to prevent the pollution and to secure the
10 sanitary protection of all such waters used as sources of water
11 supply and may make rules and regulations to prevent such
12 pollution and secure such sanitary protection. It may delegate
13 the granting and withholding of any permit required by such
14 rules or regulations to state departments, boards and commis-
15 sions and to selectmen in towns, and to boards of health, water
16 boards and water commissioners in cities and towns, to be exer-
17 cised by such selectmen, departments, boards and commissions,
18 subject to such recommendation and direction as shall be given
19 from time to time by the department; and upon complaint of
20 any person interested, the department shall investigate the
21 granting or withholding of any such permit, and make such
22 orders relative thereto as it may deem necessary for the protec-

23 tion of the public health and to restrain the use of such waters
24 to the extent as in its opinion such use will not tend to adversely
25 affect the public health. Whoever violates any such orders,
26 rules or regulations shall be punished by a fine of not more than
27 five hundred dollars, to the use of the commonwealth, or by
28 imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.