

HOUSE No. 147

Accompanying the tenth recommendation of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 137). Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT TO EXEMPT GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FROM CROSS CONNECTION PERMIT FEES.

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

1 General Laws, chapter 111, section 160A, as added by
2 chapter 613 of the acts of 1960 is hereby amended by striking
3 out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following
4 new section: —

5 *Section 160A.* No physical cross connection shall be main-
6 tained between the distribution system of a public water
7 supply, the water of which is used for drinking, domestic or
8 culinary purposes, and the distribution system of any water
9 supply not approved by the department as being of safe sani-
10 tary quality, unless said connection has been approved by the
11 department in accordance with rules and regulations adopted
12 for the purpose, and unless a permit therefor has been issued
13 by the department. Such permit may be issued upon the
14 application of a person maintaining such connection and upon
15 the payment of a fee of ten dollars, and may be renewed
16 annually upon payment of like fee, except that the aforesaid
17 fees shall not be required for permits issued to institutions or
18 Agencies of the United States, of the Commonwealth or of any
19 political subdivision thereof, or to public authorities established
20 by the Commonwealth. When more than one such connection

21 is maintained on any premises a separate permit shall be re-
 22 quired for each connection. A permit may be revoked by the
 23 department upon due notice to the person maintaining the
 24 connection whenever, in the opinion of the department, the
 25 connection or the maintenance thereof no longer complies with
 26 its rules and regulations, and no portion of the permit fee shall
 27 be refunded.

28 Whoever maintains such a connection without a permit or
 29 after revocation of the permit to maintain such connectio
 30 shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred
 31 dollars, to the use of the Commonwealth, or by imprisonment
 32 of not more than one year, or both.