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**Veto Message: Governor Dillingham  
1888 (S.45)**

**An act defining the duties and powers of the state and local boards of health, of health officers and others.**

STATE OF VERMONT  
Executive Department.  
Montpelier, Vt., November 27th, 1888

*To the President of the Senate:*

I have the honor to return to the senate, where it originated, senate bill No. 54, entitled "An act defining the duties and powers of the state and local boards of health, and health officers and others," without the executive approval.

The bill comes to me at a late hour in the session, and I have time to state only one or two of the many reasons for my action.

The provisions of the bill are so many, so remarkable in character and so burdensome in operation that they should not be adopted without the careful consideration of both branches of the legislature, and I am informed that in the house of representatives the bill was read by its title only.

Another objection lies in the fact that by the provisions of section three, all of the regulations which may be promulgated by said board are declared to be legal enactments.

I am of the opinion that the legislature has not the authority to delegate such powers, and if such authority exists, I am of the opinion that it should not be exercised.

WILLIAM P. DILLINGHAM,  
Governor.

**Governor's Veto Sustained**  
**S.54 1888**

The Governor's veto was sustained in the Senate:  
Yeas 0 **Nays** 23

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Sources: *Journal of the Senate*, November 27, 1888 (pages 326-327)