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The 125th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 125th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 821, "Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Transferring Administration of the Liquor Laws to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations."

As the Chief Executive of the State of Maine, I need to have the broadest possible discretion to manage Government. Resolves, such as this one, force us to expend limited resources exploring conceptual policy positions that may or may not be acted upon by the Legislature in the future. I appreciate the attempt by the Legislature to find more efficient ways to run our State. On the liquor laws in particular, Commissioner Morris is beginning an effort to completely review them and ensure they are appropriate to Maine's needs.

My experience in the private sector turning around failing companies has prepared me well for the mission before all of us — fixing State Government to work better and more efficiently for all Maine people. While this Resolve is returned unsigned, please know that the Commissioners, my staff, and I will be working hard over the summer to evaluate all of the State's operations. When the Legislature returns, we will have a plan ready.

For these reasons, I return LD 821 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor