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The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th Legislature:

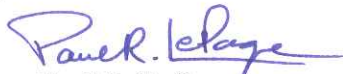
Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 405, "An Act To Increase Municipal Agent Fees for Licensing and Registration of Motor Vehicles."

This bill simply allows towns to raise the fees they charge to Maine people. The problems we face in Maine do not stem from a lack of government taking money from its citizens. Rather, we struggle attracting good paying careers, since those businesses who are looking to invest are turned off by our high energy prices, significant tax burden, and unpredictable regulatory environment. Those of us in Augusta should be focused on working to grow our economy, since, as President John F. Kennedy said, "a rising tide lifts all boats."

Additionally, I question why the Legislature seems so focused on passing bills without significant support, especially when they are likely to receive a veto on my desk. Too much time and energy is wasted by forcing action on these minor bills for political gain, while the real issues – paying our hospitals and balancing our budget – continue to languish. It is time to roll up our sleeves and really get to work.

For these reasons, I return LD 405 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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