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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 1281, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Recreational Therapists"

This bill would create significant work for the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, directing executive branch personnel to study the necessity of creating an entirely new licensing board. Creating more regulation and licensing is not the answer to the problems Maine faces. In fact, only three other states have determined these individuals need licenses. Becoming, yet again, an outlier is not a solution for success.

Additionally, as the Legislature well knows, these Resolves reach my desk without funding and direct our limited resources to various tasks. Some may have merit or compliment existing initiatives – those I have and will let become law. Studies utilizing legislative staff are within your purview and I will not second-guess those. However, when a bill directs executive departments to undertake studies on subjects we do not support, I will return them to your desk. This bill is one of those.

For these reasons, I return LD 1281 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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