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The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th 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 1275, "An Act Regarding Notice to the Public Pertaining to a Resident Person Deported from Canada to the United States for Committing a Sex Offense against a Child."

This bill is unnecessary because members of law enforcement agencies may currently inform community members of the presence of someone who has been convicted of a sex offense against a child. This is true whether the sex offender at issue has been convicted in Maine, another state or another country, including but not limited to Canada. The narrow language of the bill may confuse the state of the law. For instance, some law enforcement agencies may think that it is permissible to inform community members of the presence of individuals who committed sex offenses against a child in Canada, but that it is not permissible to inform members of a community of the presence of someone who committed a sex offense against an adult in Canada or against a child in a country other than Canada.

This bill is unnecessary at best and harmful at worst and as such, it constitutes public policy that I cannot support. For this reason, I return LD 1275 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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