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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 1210, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study the Dental Practice Laws and Recommend Changes To Streamline the Licensure and Scope of Practice Provisions."

I veto this bill not because I disagree with where the Legislature aims to go, but because of how it intends to get there. This resolve requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation or her designee to study and recommend changes to the Dental Practice Act by February 15, 2016. Rather than command the Executive Branch to perform this work, the Legislature need only have asked, and I would have agreed to help. Rather than recommending legislative changes through a report that would reach the Legislature not long before the April 2016 statutory adjournment, it makes far more sense for us to simply propose a bill to amend the Dental Practice Act. It would be less work for the Legislature, less work for the Executive Branch, and most likely will be available for committee work sooner than what this resolve dictates.

As is often the case, less is more. For these reasons, I return LD 1210 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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