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The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th 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 1427, "An Act To Make Community Paramedicine Services Permanent."

I believe that to justify the spending of hard-earned taxpayers' money, in this case MaineCare, there should be data indicating whether there is actually any value to the taxpayer. State policy has been to move slowly and cautiously with a new method of delivering medical services, called community paramedicine programs, which entails EMS technicians supplying primary care services.

This bill was introduced as a Department of Public Safety department bill. I supported the bill as introduced because it explicitly stated that state funding, including MaineCare, would not be used to support community paramedicine. There needs to be more research into the effectiveness of community paramedicine before we prioritize it over other, more worthy programs.

For these reasons, I return LD 1427 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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