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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 630, "An Act To Prohibit Third Parties From Facilitating Transfers of Moose Permits for Consideration."

I am opposed not only to allowing moose permits to be exchanged for different zones but also to asking the department to assist in facilitating such an exchange or having the department adopt rules to implement an exchange of permits.

Moose permits are granted in the State by virtue of a lottery system. The Oxford Dictionary defines a lottery as "a situation whose success or outcome is governed by chance." These elements of chance include the location and timing of when and where the hunt will take place.

Both the number of permits and the types of permits are determined each year by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to help the department achieve its herd size goals, namely, to ensure the long-term health and vitality of Maine's moose population across the state.

Those who apply for a permit do so with the anticipation of being able to hunt moose somewhere in Maine during the season. They do so with the full knowledge and understanding that they may need to travel to take advantage of the opportunity should they be successful in winning a permit in the lottery.

For these reasons, I return LD 630 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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