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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 373 "An Act To Allow a Moose Permit To Be Transferred to a Family Member."

This bill would authorize a person who receives a moose permit to transfer this permit to a family member, with "family" being defined as a "spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, half-sister, half-brother or adopted child." I often hear complaints that Maine's hunting and fishing laws are too complicated and this bill simply compounds this problem by adding yet another wrinkle to our hunting laws. More to the point, I also hear complaints from constituents who are frustrated that after applying for years, they are never drawn in the moose lottery. This bill, however, opens up a brand new avenue for families to engage in new schemes concerning the moose lottery to try to game this system in new and innovative ways.

It is time we stop legislating for that one exceptional circumstance only to create a whole host of new, unintended consequences; and that is the only thing I see flowing from enactment of this bill. For this reason, I return LD 373 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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