

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 306)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

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 1059, "An Act Relating to Marijuana Testing Facilities."

This bill would allow for public or private laboratories to test marijuana for chemical profiles and potency. The Medical Marijuana Program has existed for years without these marijuana labs. This bill simply intends to set up a system of testing labs for labeling, giving certain companies a running start if legalization prevails with the voters in 2016. I do not support legalization of marijuana, and I cannot support bills that aim to set up the infrastructure to accomplish legalizing the drug.

For these reasons, I return LD 1059 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.** Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act Relating to Marijuana Testing Facilities

(H.P. 728) (L.D. 1059)

(C. "A" H-345)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Farnsworth.

Representative **FARNSWORTH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a bill basically designed to improve the quality control over medical marijuana products. Representative Sanderson and I worked very closely together. This really is a hybrid bill that because we both had about the same thing and we put them together in order to save the committee a lot of additional work. But also, the whole intent is to provide for laboratory testing for marijuana products in order to ensure that there is a consistency around potency and that sort of thing. Many times, we've heard families come in with children who are afflicted with seizure activity and they were very concerned about the consistency of the quality of the product that they were using and we felt that this was a step in the right direction to improving that quality. Thank you very much.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 407V**

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell R, Chapman, Chenette, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Espling, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie,

Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, O'Connor, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pierce T, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stearns, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Welsh, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Campbell J, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Edgecomb, Farrin, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hilliard, Kinney M, Long, Lyford, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau, Nutting, Parry, Pickett, Pouliot, Reed, Sherman, Skolfield, Stuckey, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Chipman, Evangelos, Fowle, Herrick, Noon, Rykerson, Stetkis, Theriault, Warren.

Yes, 106; No, 36; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

106 having voted in the affirmative and 36 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

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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 1092, "An Act To Prevent Abusive Debt Collection Practices."

This bill would prohibit a debt collector from initiating a civil lawsuit on a time-barred debt. Under current law and rules promulgated by the Board of Bar Overseers, Maine-licensed lawyers are already prohibited from such actions pursuant to the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct.

Additionally, this bill allows a debtor to forego paying on a debt while waiting for a copy of a written payment schedule. Credit reporting agencies still may note a late payment from a debtor during this timeframe, however. This bill unfairly implies to a consumer that there will be no ill effect from nonpayment at certain times.

For these reasons, I return LD 1092 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.** Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Prevent Abusive Debt Collection Practices

(H.P. 753) (L.D. 1092)

(C. "A" H-378)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.