2 June 2017

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 1085, “An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure as an Independent Practice Dental Hygienist.”

While I support this bill’s lowering of a barrier to entry into the dental hygienist profession—by reducing the number of experience hours a holder of an associate’s degree needs from 5,000 to 2,000—I do not believe this change should be retroactive.

For this reason, I return LD 1085 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul R. LePage
Governor