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AN ORDER DECLARING STATE POLICY

WHEREAS, rulemaking authority is delegated by the Legislature to the Executive Branch in certain statutes;

WHEREAS, certain rules are adopted without looking at the impact it will have on the State's overall economic, environmental, and fiscal well-being; and

WHEREAS, the policy of this Administration is to promote job growth and free Maine citizens from unnecessary burdens imposed by rules;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, under the power vested in me, hereby order as follows:

1. Before drafting proposed rules, agencies shall take the following criteria into account:
 - A. The impact of the proposed rule on job growth or creation;
 - B. The cost to the public in terms of time and money required to comply with the rule;
 - C. The extent to which other laws and regulations already address the subject matter of the rule; and
 - D. The relevant Federal standards, if any, and the specific need for Maine's rules to differ from them if such a need exists.

These criteria are in addition to other criteria required by statute unless the statute specifically limits the agency's rulemaking discretion to enumerated criteria. When findings are issued, the agency shall make findings relevant to the criteria insofar as the rule reasonably addresses the subject matter of the criteria.

The effective date of this Executive Order is March 15, 2011.

Paul R. LePage, Governor