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LD 1656 OUGHT TO PASS. Unfortunately, over the last few years hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants crossed the southern border. Some of these people are members of extremely violent gangs such as Tren de Aragua from Venezuela and MS-13 that has roots in El Salvador. It is reasonable to assume that some might be in Maine. Now that our southern border is closed, Maine's heavily wooded and remote 611 mile international land border with Canada and over 200 miles of coastline has become an increasingly attractive place for undocumented immigrants to enter undetected into the United States. The US Border Patrol revealed recently that the most migrants sneaking into the US through Maine in 24 years was recorded recently. The Border Patrol's Houlton Sector arrested 113 people in April, more than double the number seen in a normal month – and these are only the ones that got caught. According to The Daily Mail, the migrants that illegally entered through Maine are from 16 different countries, including Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico and Venezuela. We have a problem that is only going to get worse unless Maine police gain the expertise they need through working with ICE. LD 1656 OUGHT TO PASS.