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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1096, L.D. 1655, “An Act to Allow the Keeping of Chickens on Private Residential Property”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §219-D** is enacted to read:

**§219-D. Keeping chickens on residential property**

A county or municipality may not adopt a regulation or ordinance that prohibits a person from keeping chickens on that person's residential property. For purposes of this section, "chicken" means a female domesticated bird that is raised for meat or eggs and does not include a fully mature domesticated male chicken. This section may not be construed to limit the home rule authority of a municipality.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies that a county or municipality may not adopt a regulation or ordinance that prohibits a person from keeping chickens on that person's residential property.

The amendment also removes from the bill requirements relating to the number of chickens on a person's property, coop specifications, square footage of secure outdoor space per chicken and security. The amendment defines "chicken" as a domesticated bird that is raised for meat or eggs and does not include a fully mature domesticated male chicken.