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An Act Prohibiting Property Insurance Discrimination Based on Breed of Dog

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative CHENETTE of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BECK of Waterville, CHIPMAN of Portland, PLANTE of Berwick, Senator: VALENTINO of York.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3061 is enacted to read:

§3061. Actions related to ownership of certain breeds of dogs prohibited

An insurance company authorized to transact business in this State may not cancel, refuse to issue or renew or charge an increased premium for a property insurance policy subject to this subchapter solely on the basis of a policyholder's ownership of a certain breed of dog. This section does not apply if the dog owned by the policyholder has been designated as a dangerous dog as defined in Title 7, section 3907, subsection 12-D.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the refusal to issue or the cancellation or nonrenewal of a property insurance policy or an increase in the premium for the policy solely on the basis of a policyholder's ownership of a certain breed of dog. The restrictions do not apply if a dog has been designated as a dangerous dog in accordance with state law.