## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1192

H.P. 836

House of Representatives, March 26, 2013

**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.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3061 is enacted to read:
3	§3061. Actions related to ownership of certain breeds of dogs prohibited
4	An insurance company authorized to transact business in this State may not cancel,
5	refuse to issue or renew or charge an increased premium for a property insurance policy
6	subject to this subchapter solely on the basis of a policyholder's ownership of a certain
7	breed of dog. This section does not apply if the dog owned by the policyholder has been
8	designated as a dangerous dog as defined in Title 7, section 3907, subsection 12-D.
9	SUMMARY
10	This bill prohibits the refusal to issue or the cancellation or nonrenewal of a property
11	insurance policy or an increase in the premium for the policy solely on the basis of a
12	policyholder's ownership of a certain breed of dog. The restrictions do not apply if a dog
13	has been designated as a dangerous dog in accordance with state law.