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## AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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### STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" 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.

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT