

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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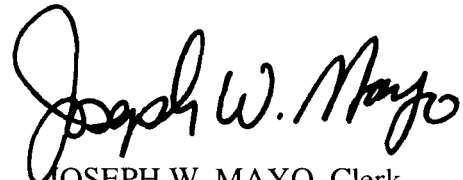
House of Representatives, May 2, 1995

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**An Act to Ban the Sale, Breeding or Possession of Canine Hybrids.**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Union.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAMREN of Belgrade, JONES of Pittsfield, LANE of  
Enfield, LOVETT of Scarborough.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 745 is enacted to read:**

6 **CHAPTER 745**

8 **CANINE HYBRIDS**

10 **§4201. Definitions**

12 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

14 1. **Canine.** "Canine" means a member of the family Canidae consisting of the following mammal species: dogs, wolves, jackals, foxes and coyotes.

18 2. **Canine hybrid.** "Canine hybrid" means a canine that has had a wild canine or canine hybrid as an ancestor within the previous 4 generations. "Canine hybrid" includes a canine represented by its owner or former owner to be a wolf dog, coydog or other canine hybrid offspring of a wild canine.

24 3. **Hybrid.** "Hybrid" means an offspring of 2 animals of different species or genera.

26 4. **Owner.** "Owner" means any person keeping or having charge or control of a canine hybrid or feeding or allowing a canine hybrid to remain on property that the person owns or rents. The term does not apply to veterinarians or kennel operators temporarily keeping on their premises canine hybrids owned by other persons.

34 **§4202. Prohibition**

36 1. **Prohibited acts.** A person may not sell, offer for sale, trade, give away, acquire, import, export, breed, release or cause to be released a canine hybrid in the State, except as provided in subsection 2.

40 2. **Limitations on possession.** A person may not possess a canine hybrid, except for:

44 A. A canine hybrid that a person owns while residing in this State on the effective date of this chapter; or

46 B. A canine hybrid born in this State to a canine that was pregnant with the canine hybrid and owned in this State on the effective date of this chapter. Such offspring may be

