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S.P. 169

In Senate, February 3, 2005

**An Act To Prohibit an Insurer from Cancelling an Insurance Policy
due to Ownership of Certain Breeds of Dog**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Waterford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3060** is enacted to read:

6 **§3060. Actions related to ownership of certain breeds of dogs prohibited**

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

18 **SUMMARY**

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