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In Senate, December 16, 2009

**An Act To Ensure That Search and Rescue Dogs Are Afforded the
Same Access to Public Accommodations as Service Animals**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2009. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10105, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

3 4-A. Search and rescue dogs. Department personnel have the right to be
4 accompanied by a search and rescue dog, especially trained for that purpose, in any place
5 of public accommodation without being required to pay an extra charge for the search and
6 rescue dog. For purposes of this subsection, "place of public accommodation" has the
7 same meaning as in Title 5, section 4553, subsection 8.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides that Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife personnel have
10 the right to be accompanied by a search and rescue dog in any place of public
11 accommodation without charge.