

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 350

S.P. 157

In Senate, January 31, 2023

An Act to Prevent Dog Breed Discrimination by Insurance Companies

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3062** is enacted to read:

3 **§3062. 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.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill prohibits the cancellation or nonrenewal of a property insurance policy solely
10 on the basis of a policyholder's ownership of a certain breed of dog. The bill also prohibits
11 an increase in the premium for the policy.