

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2013**

(2) Two representatives of populations most affected by HIV/AIDS in the State;

(3) Two providers of HIV-related prevention or social services;

(4) Two representatives of the public health community who have experience in the prevention of and the care and treatment of persons with HIV or infectious diseases; and

(5) Two persons chosen by the committee because of the positive impact the persons' expertise or experience will have on the work of the committee.

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**CHAPTER 109  
H.P. 479 - L.D. 687**

**An Act To Amend the Law  
Concerning Protection from  
Abuse Orders To Include Pets**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4006, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Interim relief; care, custody or control of animals.** The court may make an order concerning the care, custody or control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by either party or a minor child residing in the household and may enjoin the defendant from injuring or threatening to injure any such animal.

**Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §4007, sub-§1, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

E-1. Directing the defendant to refrain from injuring or threatening to injure any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by either party or a minor child residing in the household;

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**CHAPTER 110  
H.P. 536 - L.D. 785**

**An Act To Ensure the Periodic  
Review and Revision of  
Statutory Provisions**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA c. 33** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 33**

**PERIODIC REVIEW AND REVISION OF  
STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

**§2701. Definitions**

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

**1. Agency.** "Agency" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 953, subsection 1.

**2. Committee of jurisdiction.** "Committee of jurisdiction" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 953, subsection 2.

**3. Independent agency.** "Independent agency" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 953, subsection 3.

**4. Program evaluation report.** "Program evaluation report" means the report submitted to the Legislature by an agency or an independent agency in accordance with Title 3, section 956.

**§2702. Report to committee**

The Office of the Revisor of Statutes and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, referred to in this section as "the offices," shall review each program evaluation report submitted to the Legislature under Title 3, chapter 35, and any legislation recommended by a committee of jurisdiction as a result of the committee's review, analysis and evaluation of the program evaluation report. The offices shall identify those statutory provisions that are:

**1. Identified for review.** Identified, pursuant to Title 3, section 956, subsection 2, paragraph O, in a program evaluation report as potentially requiring legislative review regarding the necessity of amendment to align the statute with federal law, other state law or judicial decisions; and

**2. Not addressed in legislation.** Not addressed in legislation recommended by a committee of jurisdiction as a result of the committee's review, analysis and evaluation of the program evaluation report.

No later than November 1st prior to each first regular session of the Legislature, the offices shall develop a report that lists the provisions identified under this section and shall submit the report to each joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over any of the statutory provisions identified under this section and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters.

**§2703. Committee authority**

During the first regular session of the Legislature following submission of a report pursuant to section 2702, each joint standing committee of the Legislature