

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 385 - L.D. 528

**An Act To Increase the Number of Clubs That May Be Issued a Special Dog Training Area License**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** there are individuals in the State who are unable to obtain a special dog training area license due to the current cap on licenses per county; and

**Whereas,** this Act needs to become effective before 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature in order for those individuals to receive licenses and open their businesses; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12052, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**2. Application and issuance.** Upon application of a club or organization having 25 or more resident members, the commissioner may issue to the club or organization a license authorizing the following.

A. The licensee may establish and maintain on land owned by the licensee, or over which the licensee has legal control, a special dog training area in which and on which dogs may be trained at any time during the year.

B. The licensee may at any time during the year train the licensee's own dogs or the dogs of other persons on that area.

C. The licensee may hold field trials at any time on that area or permit, in writing, others to hold field trials on that area under such conditions as are mutually agreed on.

No more than 5 8 clubs in any one county may be issued a license.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.