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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to exempting police dogs from confinement and observation

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 2140 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 510 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

7. "Confinement and observation" refers to the conditions under which apparently healthy dogs, cats, domesticated ferrets, and domestic livestock, which are not exhibiting symptoms of rabies, must be maintained to determine rabies status if such an animal has potentially exposed a person to rabies, and the owner wishes to avoid euthanizing and testing the animal. If the county health authority does not approve home confinement, the ten day confinement and observation period must take place, at owner's expense, at an appropriate facility such as an animal shelter, veterinarian's office, kennel or farm. The confinement must include (i) provisions to prevent escape of the animal during the confinement period and (ii) requirements that the owner notify the public health authority immediately if the animal becomes ill at anytime during confinement, and (iii) verification by the county health authority or their designee at the end of the ten day period that the animal is healthy. IF A POLICE WORK DOG BITES AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY APPLY FOR A WAIVER FROM CONFINEMENT FROM THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A WAIVER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH AN UPDATED RABIES VACCINATION RECORD.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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