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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the creation of an animal cruelty and animal fighting database

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

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. Studies in psychology, sociology and
2 criminology have demonstrated that violent offenders frequently have
3 childhood and adolescent histories of serious and repeated animal cruel-
4 ty. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has recognized this connection
5 since the 1970s when its analysis of the lives of serial killers
6 suggested that most had killed or tortured animals during their life.
7 Other research has shown consistent patterns of animal cruelty among
8 perpetrators of more common forms of violence, including child abuse,
9 spouse abuse, and elder abuse, leading the American Psychiatric Associ-
10 ation to consider animal cruelty as one of the diagnostic criteria of
11 conduct disorder.

12 S 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-s to
13 read as follows:

14 S 837-S. ANIMAL CRUELTY DATABASE. THE DIVISION SHALL ESTABLISH AND
15 MAINTAIN A CRIME DATABASE ON ALL CRIMES OF ANIMAL CRUELTY AND ANIMAL
16 FIGHTING COMMITTED IN THE STATE WHERE DATA OF SUCH CRIMES SHALL BE
17 COLLECTED AND DISPLAYED IN A MANNER THAT FACILITATES ANALYSIS. SUCH
18 CRIME DATABASE SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, NAMES OF PERSONS
19 CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY AND ANIMAL FIGHTING AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE
20 TWENTY-SIX OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW AND THE SPECIFIC ACTS OF
21 ANIMAL CRUELTY OR ANIMAL FIGHTING THAT WERE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION.
22 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, SUCH DATABASE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE
23 INFORMATION ON PERSONS WHO HAVE PLED GUILTY TO A CHARGE OTHER THAN
24 ANIMAL CRUELTY OR ANIMAL FIGHTING IN SATISFACTION OF THE ANIMAL CRUELTY
25 OR ANIMAL FIGHTING CHARGE OR WHERE ANIMAL CRUELTY OR THE ANIMAL FIGHTING
26 CHARGE HAS NOT RESULTED IN A DISMISSAL ON THE MERITS. THE CRIME
27 DATA-BASE SHALL BE IN PRINT AND IN ELECTRONIC FORM AND SHALL BE AVAIL-
28 ABLE TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, DULY INCORPO-

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

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1 RATED HUMANE SOCIETIES, SOCIETIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO
2 ANIMALS, DOG OR CAT PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATIONS AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.
3 S 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 2015, provided, however, that
4 effective immediately, the division of criminal justice services shall
5 promulgate rules and regulations as it deems necessary to effectuate the
6 purposes of this act, on or before such effective date.