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Introduced by Sen. GRISANTI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to increasing certain penalties for aggravated cruelty to animals

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Phoenix's law".

S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 353-a of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 118 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3. Aggravated cruelty to animals is a felony. A defendant convicted of this offense shall be sentenced [pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 55.10 of the penal law provided, however, that any term of imprisonment imposed for violation of this section shall be a definite sentence, which may not exceed two years] TO A PERIOD OF IMPRISONMENT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR YEARS, BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR BY BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED BY LAW, THE COURT SHALL ORDER ANY DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF THIS OFFENSE, INCLUDING A DEFENDANT WHO HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER, TO UNDERGO A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION BY A QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND MAY REQUIRE THAT SUCH PERSON, AT HIS OR HER OWN EXPENSE, ENTER AND COMPLETE ANY TREATMENT OR PROGRAM DEEMED NECESSARY TO TREAT ANY MENTAL DISEASE, MENTAL DEFECT OR MENTAL CONDITION, WHICH MAY HAVE CAUSED OR CONTRIBUTED TO SUCH OFFENSE.

S 3. 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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