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HOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be  
committed to the Committee on Agriculture -- reported favorably from  
said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third  
reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the  
order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to limiting  
the right of a person who has violated certain animal cruelty statutes  
from working at an animal shelter

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

1     Section 1. Section 353-a of the agriculture and markets law is amended  
2     by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:  
3     4. ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, NO PERSON WHO  
4     IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ACCEPT  
5     OR REMAIN IN A POSITION AS A DOG CONTROL OFFICER, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFI-  
6     CER, OR AS A PAID EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER AT THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF ESTAB-  
7     LISHMENTS: AN ANIMAL SHELTER, POUND, DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY,  
8     DULY INCORPORATED ANIMAL PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, OR DULY INCORPORATED  
9     SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
10    THIS SUBDIVISION, THE TERM "VOLUNTEER" SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANYONE REQUIRED  
11    BY COURT ORDER TO FULFILL A COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT IN SERVICE AT  
12    ANY ANIMAL SHELTER, POUND, DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY, DULY INCOR-  
13    PORATED ANIMAL PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, OR DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR  
14    THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.  
15    S 2. Section 353 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by  
16    chapter 458 of the laws of 1985 and the opening paragraph as amended by  
17    chapter 523 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:  
18    S 353. Overdriving, torturing and injuring animals; failure to provide  
19    proper sustenance. 1. A person who overdrives, overloads, tortures or

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

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1 cruelly beats or unjustifiably injures, maims, mutilates or kills any  
2 animal, whether wild or tame, and whether belonging to himself or to  
3 another, or deprives any animal of necessary sustenance, food or drink,  
4 or neglects or refuses to furnish it such sustenance or drink, or caus-  
5 es, procures or permits any animal to be overdriven, overloaded,  
6 tortured, cruelly beaten, or unjustifiably injured, maimed, mutilated or  
7 killed, or to be deprived of necessary food or drink, or who wilfully  
8 sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of  
9 cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, is  
10 guilty of a class A misdemeanor and for purposes of paragraph (b) of  
11 subdivision one of section 160.10 of the criminal procedure law, shall  
12 be treated as a misdemeanor defined in the penal law.

13 2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit or inter-  
14 fere with any properly conducted scientific tests, experiments or inves-  
15 tigations, involving the use of living animals, performed or conducted  
16 in laboratories or institutions, which are approved for these purposes  
17 by the state commissioner of health. The state commissioner of health  
18 shall prescribe the rules under which such approvals shall be granted,  
19 including therein standards regarding the care and treatment of any such  
20 animals. Such rules shall be published and copies thereof conspicuously  
21 posted in each such laboratory or institution. The state commissioner of  
22 health or his duly authorized representative shall have the power to  
23 inspect such laboratories or institutions to insure compliance with such  
24 rules and standards. Each such approval may be revoked at any time for  
25 failure to comply with such rules and in any case the approval shall be  
26 limited to a period not exceeding one year.

27 3. ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, NO PERSON WHO  
28 IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ACCEPT  
29 OR REMAIN IN A POSITION AS A DOG CONTROL OFFICER, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFI-  
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38 THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

39 S 3. Section 351 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by  
40 adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

41 7. ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, NO PERSON WHO  
42 IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ACCEPT  
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52 THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

53 S 4. Section 355 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by  
54 chapter 458 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

55 S 355. Abandonment of animals. 1. A person being the owner or posses-  
56 sor, or having charge or custody of an animal, who abandons such animal,

1 or leaves it to die in a street, road or public place, or who allows  
2 such animal, if it become disabled, to lie in a public street, road or  
3 public place more than three hours after he receives notice that it is  
4 left disabled, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment  
5 for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand  
6 dollars, or by both.

7 2. ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, NO PERSON WHO  
8 IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ACCEPT  
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18 THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

19 S 5. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
20 have become a law.