STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 4, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. KAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing certain unlicensed individuals to provide care to animals in the custody or possession of an animal shelter

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 6713 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. An unlicensed person acting under direct or indirect supervision of a veterinarian licensed pursuant to this article may provide care to animals in the custody or possession of an animal shelter, as defined in subdivision six of section four hundred twenty of the agriculture and markets law, including animals subject to the redemption periods provided for in section one hundred seventeen of the agriculture and markets law, provided that:

a. the individual is performing tasks in accordance with a written or verbal protocol provided by the supervising veterinarian; and

b. the supervising veterinarian has determined that the individual has received sufficient and proper training to perform those specific tasks.

§ 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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