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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the  
tethering of dogs

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

1 Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 353-g to read as follows:

3 § 353-g. Tethering, restraining, caging or penning of dogs. 1. It  
4 shall be unlawful to tie, tether, restrain, cage or pen a working or  
5 non-working dog outdoors, between the hours of 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

6 2. A working or non-working dog may be tied, tethered, caged or penned  
7 outdoors between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., to a stationary object  
8 or a pen or cage in a sized pen or cage four times the height and length  
9 of said dog; provided it is in a manner that is not inhumane or detri-  
10 mental to the dog's welfare, doesn't cause the dog to choke, permits the  
11 dog to escape harm and permits the dog to reach food, water, shade and  
12 dry ground.

13 3. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this section  
14 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration in city,  
15 town, village or county jail for not less than two days and not more  
16 than six months, shall perform between forty-eight and one hundred twen-  
17 ty hours of community service, and shall be subject to a fine of between  
18 two hundred dollars and one thousand dollars, upon their first offense.  
19 Upon their second offense, such person shall be subject to incarceration  
20 in city, town, village or county jail for not less than ten days and not  
21 more than six months, and shall be subject to a fine of between one  
22 thousand dollars and two thousand dollars. Upon their third offense,  
23 such person shall be subject to a felony.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
25 have become a law.

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

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