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Introduced by Sen. BORRELLO -- 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 exempting livestock guardian dogs and herding dogs from license fees

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

Section 1. Section 108 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 30 and 31 to read as follows:

30. "Livestock guardian dog" means any dog utilized for the purpose of protecting livestock from predators.

31. "Herding dog" means any dog that has been trained in herding and is utilized for the purpose of herding cattle, sheep, or other livestock.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 110 of the agriculture and markets law, as added by section 5 of part T of chapter 59 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

2. Municipalities [~~may~~] **shall** exempt from their licensing fees any guide dog, hearing dog, service dog, war dog, working search dog, detection dog, police work dog [~~or~~]**,** therapy dog**, livestock guardian dog or herding dog**. Each copy of any license for such dogs shall be conspicuously marked "Guide Dog", "Hearing Dog", "Service Dog", "Working Search Dog", "War Dog", "Detection Dog", "Police Work Dog", [~~or~~] "Therapy Dog", **"Livestock Guardian Dog" or "Herding Dog",** as may be appropriate, by the clerk or authorized dog control officer.

§ 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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