

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. TEDISCO -- 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 aggravated cruelty to animals during an incident of domestic violence

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 353-a of the agriculture and
2 markets law, as added by chapter 118 of the laws of 1999, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 3. Aggravated cruelty to animals is a felony. A defendant convicted of
5 this offense shall be sentenced pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision
6 one of section 55.10 of the penal law provided, however, that any term
7 of imprisonment imposed for violation of this section shall be a defi-
8 nite sentence, which may not exceed two years, except that any person
9 who commits one or more of the acts specified in subdivision one of this
10 section during an incident of domestic violence as defined in section
11 four hundred eighty-one-c of the social services law may be sentenced to
12 a period not to exceed four years. For purposes of this section, "during
13 an incident of domestic violence" includes the period of tension or
14 stress leading up to the act or acts of domestic violence and the period
15 following the act or acts of domestic violence.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
17 it shall have become a law.

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

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