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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the  
microchipping of dogs and the creation of a registry of dogs

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 109 of the agri-  
2     culture and markets law, as amended by chapter 645 of the laws of 1988,  
3     is amended to read as follows:

4     (c) The application shall state the sex, actual or approximate age,  
5     breed, color, and official identification number of the dog, and other  
6     identification marks, if any, and the name, address, telephone number,  
7     county and town, city or village of residence of the owner AND SUCH  
8     INFORMATION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE REGISTRY ON DOGS PURSUANT TO  
9     SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE-B OF THIS ARTICLE.

10    S 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding two new  
11    sections 112-a and 112-b to read as follows:

12    S 112-A. MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS. 1. ANY PERSON WHO OWNS A DOG SHALL  
13    ENSURE THAT BY THE AGE OF FOUR MONTHS SUCH DOG IS IMPLANTED WITH A  
14    SPECIAL COMPUTER CHIP DESIGNED TO HOLD INFORMATION RELATING TO IDENTIFI-  
15    CATION OF THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF SUCH DOG, CONTACT INFORMATION AND  
16    SUCH DOG'S DESCRIPTION AND BREED AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED  
17    PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINE OF THIS ARTICLE. SUCH INFORMATION  
18    SHALL BE TRANSMITTED INTO THE STATE REGISTRY ON DOGS AND SHALL BE  
19    COMPATIBLE WITH A MICROCHIP SCANNER OPERATED BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSU-  
20    ANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE-B OF THIS ARTICLE.

21    2. WHENEVER ANY DOG IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE  
22    OF THIS ARTICLE, SUCH LICENSING CONTACT INFORMATION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED  
23    TO THE REGISTRY OF DOGS AND PLACED ON THE MICROCHIP IN A METHOD ESTAB-  
24    LISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

25    S 112-B. REGISTRY OF DOGS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A STATE  
26    REGISTRY WHICH SHALL CONTAIN IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION RELATING TO ALL  
27    ANIMALS LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS ONE HUNDRED NINE, ONE HUNDRED  
28    TWELVE AND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE-A OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

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1 2. SUCH REGISTRY SHALL BE AVAILABLE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY AND SHALL  
2 BE SIMILAR TO ANY NATIONAL REGISTRY IN EXISTENCE. A MICROCHIP SCANNER  
3 SHALL BE USED TO DETECT THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER KEPT ON THE CHIP.

4 3. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF SUCH  
5 DOG TO CHANGE WITH THE REGISTRY ANY IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION RELATING  
6 TO SUCH OWNER OR CUSTODIAN.

7 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 119 of the agriculture and markets law,  
8 as added by chapter 220 of the laws of 1978, paragraph (c) as amended by  
9 chapter 404 of the laws of 1986, paragraph (g) as amended and paragraph  
10 (h) as added by chapter 263 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 1. It shall be a violation, punishable as provided in subdivision two  
13 of this section, for:

14 (a) any owner to fail to license any dog;

15 (b) any owner to fail to have any dog identified as required by this  
16 article;

17 (c) any person to knowingly affix to any dog any false or improper  
18 identification tag, special identification tag for identifying guide,  
19 service or hearing dogs or purebred license tag;

20 (f) any owner or custodian of any dog to fail to confine, restrain or  
21 present such dog for any lawful purpose pursuant to this article;

22 (g) any person to furnish any false or misleading information on any  
23 form required to be filed with any municipality or the commissioner  
24 pursuant to the provisions of this article or rules and regulations  
25 promulgated pursuant thereto;

26 (h) the owner or custodian of any dog to fail to exercise due dili-  
27 gence in handling his or her dog if the handling results in harm to  
28 another dog that is a guide, hearing or service dog;

29 (I) THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF ANY DOG TO FAIL TO MICROCHIP SUCH DOG.

30 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
31 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-  
32 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
33 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
34 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such  
35 effective date.