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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to expanding the definition of aggravated cruelty to animals to include harm to animals during the commission of a felony

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

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

1. A person is guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals when[,]: EITHER

(A) with no justifiable purpose, he or she intentionally kills or intentionally causes serious physical injury to a companion animal with aggravated cruelty[.]; OR

(B) IN THE COURSE OF COMMISSION OF A FELONY, OR OF IMMEDIATE FLIGHT THEREFROM, HE OR SHE CAUSES PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH TO A COMPANION ANIMAL.

For purposes of this section, "aggravated cruelty" shall mean conduct which: (i) is intended to cause extreme physical pain; or (ii) is done or carried out in an especially depraved or sadistic manner.

S 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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