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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing the seizure and confinement of animals in connection with the prevention of rabies

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 2140 of the public health law, as
2 added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:
3 7. "Confinement and observation" refers to the conditions under which
4 apparently healthy dogs, cats, domesticated ferrets, and domestic live-
5 stock, which are not exhibiting symptoms of rabies, must be maintained
6 TO DETERMINE RABIES STATUS if such an animal has potentially exposed a
7 person to rabies, and the owner wishes to avoid euthanizing and testing
8 the animal. [The] IF THE COUNTY HEALTH AUTHORITY DOES NOT APPROVE HOME
9 CONFINEMENT, THE ten day confinement and observation period must take
10 place, at owner's expense, at an appropriate facility such as an animal
11 shelter, veterinarian's office, kennel or farm [for an animal not
12 actively immunized against rabies at the time of the bite. County health
13 departments may allow home confinements and observation for animals
14 actively immunized. Confinement and observation includes]. THE CONFINE-
15 MENT MUST INCLUDE (I) PROVISIONS TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF THE ANIMAL DURING
16 THE CONFINEMENT PERIOD AND (II) REQUIREMENTS THAT THE OWNER NOTIFY THE
17 PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY IF THE ANIMAL BECOMES ILL AT ANYTIME
18 DURING CONFINEMENT, AND (III) verification by the county health authori-
19 ty or their designee [both during and] at the end of the ten day period
20 that the animal [cannot or has not escaped and has remained] IS healthy.
21 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
22 have become a law.

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

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