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Introduced by M. of A. GLICK, SCHIMEL, MAISEL, REILLY, SWEENEY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CERETTO, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to increasing the punishment for the abandonment of animals

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

Section 1. Section 355 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 458 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

S 355. Abandonment of animals. A person being the owner or possessor, or having charge or custody of an animal, who abandons such animal, or leaves it to die in a street, road or public place, or who allows such animal, if it [become] BECOMES disabled, to lie in a public street, road or public place more than three hours after he OR SHE receives notice that it is left disabled, is guilty of a [misdemeanor] CLASS E FELONY, punishable by imprisonment for not more than [one year] FOUR YEARS, or by a fine of not more than [one] FIVE thousand dollars, or by both.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date upon which 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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