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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law and the penal law, in relation to promoting understanding, awareness and enforcement of animal crimes laws; and to repeal sections 351, 353, 353-a, 353-b, 353-d, 355, 360, 361, 362 and subdivision 8 of section 374 of the agriculture and markets law relating thereto

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

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section 350 of the agricul-  
2     ture and markets law, subdivision 2 as added by chapter 1047 of the laws  
3     of 1965, subdivision 3 as added by chapter 619 of the laws of 1987,  
4     subdivision 4 as added by chapter 569 of the laws of 1995, subdivision 5  
5     as amended by chapter 118 of the laws of 1999, are amended and three new  
6     subdivisions 3, 7 and 8 are added to read as follows:  
7     2. ["Torture" or "cruelty"] "CRUELTY" includes every act, omission, or  
8     neglect, whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is  
9     caused or permitted AND SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ANY ACT OF  
10    OVERDRIVING, OVERLOADING, INJURING, MAIMING, MUTILATING OR KILLING AN  
11    ANIMAL.  
12    3. "TORTURE" MEANS CONDUCT THAT IS INTENDED TO CAUSE EXTREME PHYSICAL  
13    PAIN.  
14    [3] 4. "Adoption" means the delivery [to any natural person eighteen  
15    years of age or older, for the limited purpose of harboring a pet,] TO  
16    ANY NATURAL PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, FOR THE LIMITED  
17    PURPOSE OF HARBORING of any dog or cat, seized or surrendered.  
18    [4] 5. "Farm animal", as used in this article, means any ungulate,  
19    poultry, species of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, horses or fur-  
20    bearing animals, as defined in section 11-1907 of the environmental  
21    conservation law, which are raised for commercial or subsistence  
22    purposes. Fur-bearing animal, AS REFERENCED IN THIS ARTICLE, shall not  
23    include dogs or cats.

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

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[5] 6. "Companion animal" or "pet" means any dog or cat, and shall also mean any other domesticated animal normally maintained in or near the household of the owner or person who cares for such other domesticated animal. ["Pet" or "companion"] "COMPANION animal" OR "PET" shall not include a "farm animal" as defined in this section.

7. "ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSE" MEANS ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE OR OF ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE PENAL LAW, OR ANY OTHER UNLAWFUL ACT BY WHICH HARM IS INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY, RECKLESSLY OR NEGLIGENTLY CAUSED OR PERMITTED TO OCCUR TO AN ANIMAL.

8. "DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS," AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, SHALL MEAN A CORPORATION CONSTITUTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION (G) OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FOUR AND SECTION ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THREE OF THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW.

S 2. Sections 351, 353, 353-a, 353-b, 353-d, 355, 360, 361 and 362 of the agriculture and markets law are REPEALED.

S 3. Section 365 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 458 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

S 365. Clipping or cutting the ears of dogs. 1. Whoever clips or cuts off or causes or procures another to clip or cut off the whole or any part of an ear of any dog unless an anaesthetic shall have been given to the dog and the operation performed by a licensed veterinarian, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both.

2. [The provisions of this section shall not apply to any dog or person who is the owner or possessor of any dog whose ear or a part thereof has been clipped or cut off prior to September first, nineteen hundred twenty-nine.

3.] Each applicant for a dog license must state on such application whether any ear of the dog for which he applies for such license has been cut off wholly or in part.

[4.] 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as preventing any dog whose ear or ears shall have been clipped or cut off wholly or in part, not in violation of this section, from being imported into the state exclusively for breeding purposes.

S 4. Section 369 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 458 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

S 369. Interference with officers. Any person who shall interfere with or obstruct any constable or police officer or any officer or agent of any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals in the discharge of his duty to enforce the laws relating to animals, INCLUDING THOSE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE PENAL LAW, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both.

S 5. Section 371 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 573 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

S 371. Powers of peace officers. A constable or police officer must, and any agent or officer of any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may issue an appearance ticket pursuant to section 150.20 of the criminal procedure law, summon or arrest, and bring before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction, any person offending against any of the provisions of article twenty-six of the agriculture and markets law OR ANY PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE PENAL LAW. Any officer or agent of any of said societies may lawfully interfere to prevent the perpetration of any act of cruelty

1 upon any animal in his presence. Any of said societies may prefer a  
2 complaint before any court, tribunal or magistrate having jurisdiction,  
3 for the violation of any law relating to or affecting animals and may  
4 aid in presenting the law and facts before such court, tribunal or  
5 magistrate in any proceeding taken.

6 S 6. Subdivision 6 of section 373 of the agriculture and markets law,  
7 as amended by chapter 256 of the laws of 1997, paragraph a as amended by  
8 chapter 586 of the laws of 2008, subparagraph 2 of paragraph b as  
9 amended by section 24 of part T of chapter 59 of the laws of 2010, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 6. a. If any animal is seized [and] OR impounded pursuant to the  
12 provisions of this section, [section three hundred fifty-three-d of this  
13 article] or section three hundred seventy-five of this article, OR  
14 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE SIX HUNDRED NINETY OF THE CRIMINAL  
15 PROCEDURE LAW, for any violation of this article, ANY VIOLATION OF ARTI-  
16 CLE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE PENAL LAW, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
17 ARREST ON AN ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSE, THEN, upon arraignment of charges  
18 [the], A duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to  
19 animals, humane society, pound, animal shelter, SHERIFF, MUNICIPAL  
20 POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, or any authorized agents there-  
21 of, hereinafter referred to for the purposes of this section as the  
22 "impounding organization", may file a petition with the court requesting  
23 that the person from whom an animal is seized or the owner of the animal  
24 be ordered to post a security. The security shall be in an amount suffi-  
25 cient to secure payment for all reasonable expenses expected to be  
26 incurred by the impounding organization in caring and providing for the  
27 animal pending disposition of the charges. Reasonable expenses shall  
28 include, but not be limited to, estimated medical care and boarding of  
29 the animal for at least thirty days. The amount of the security, if any,  
30 shall be determined by the court after taking into consideration all of  
31 the facts and circumstances of the case including, but not limited to  
32 the recommendation of the impounding organization having custody and  
33 care of the seized animal and the cost of caring for the animal. If a  
34 security has been posted in accordance with this section, the impounding  
35 organization may draw from the security the actual reasonable costs to  
36 be incurred by such organization in caring for the seized animal.

37 b. (1) Upon receipt of a petition pursuant to paragraph a of this  
38 subdivision the court shall set a hearing on the petition to be  
39 conducted within ten business days of the filing of such petition. The  
40 petitioner shall serve a true copy of the petition upon the defendant  
41 and the district attorney. The petitioner shall also serve a true copy  
42 of the petition on any interested person. For purposes of this subdivi-  
43 sion, interested person shall mean an individual, partnership, firm,  
44 joint stock company, corporation, association, trust, estate or other  
45 legal entity who the court determines may have a pecuniary interest in  
46 the animal which is the subject of the petition. The petitioner shall  
47 have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the  
48 person from whom the animal was seized violated a provision of this  
49 article. The court may waive for good cause shown the posting of securi-  
50 ty.

51 (2) If the court orders the posting of a security, the security shall  
52 be posted with the clerk of the court within five business days of the  
53 hearing provided for in subparagraph one of this paragraph. The court  
54 may order the immediate forfeiture of the seized animal to the impound-  
55 ing organization if the person ordered to post the security fails to do  
56 so. Any animal forfeited shall be made available for adoption or euthan-

1 ized subject to subdivision seven-a of section one hundred seventeen of  
2 this chapter or section three hundred seventy-four of this article.

3 (3) In the case of an animal other than a companion animal or pet, if  
4 a person ordered to post security fails to do so, the court may, in  
5 addition to the forfeiture to [a duly incorporated society for the  
6 prevention of cruelty to animals, humane society, pound, animal shelter  
7 or any authorized agents thereof] THE IMPOUNDING ORGANIZATION, and  
8 subject to the restrictions of sections three hundred fifty-four, three  
9 hundred fifty-seven and three hundred seventy-four of this article,  
10 order the animal which was the basis of the order to be sold, provided  
11 that all interested persons shall first be provided the opportunity to  
12 redeem their interest in the animal and to purchase the interest of the  
13 person ordered to post security, subject to such conditions as the court  
14 deems appropriate to assure proper care and treatment of the animal. The  
15 court may reimburse the person ordered to post security and any inter-  
16 ested persons any money earned by the sale of the animal less any costs  
17 including, but not limited to, veterinary and custodial care. Any animal  
18 determined by the court to be maimed, diseased, disabled or infirm so as  
19 to be unfit for sale or any useful purpose shall be forfeited to [a duly  
20 incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or a duly  
21 incorporated humane society] THE IMPOUNDING ORGANIZATION or authorized  
22 agents thereof, and be available for adoption or shall be euthanized  
23 subject to section three hundred seventy-four of this article.

24 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or restrict in  
25 any way the rights of a secured party having a security interest in any  
26 animal described in this section. This section expressly does not impair  
27 or subordinate the rights of such a secured lender having a security  
28 interest in the animal or in the proceeds from the sale of such animal.

29 c. In no event shall the security prevent the impounding organization  
30 having custody and care of the animal from disposing of the animal  
31 pursuant to section three hundred seventy-four of this article prior to  
32 the expiration of the thirty day period covered by the security if the  
33 court makes a determination of the charges against the person from whom  
34 the animal was seized prior thereto. Upon receipt of a petition from the  
35 impounding organization, the court may order the person from whom the  
36 animal was seized or the owner of the animal to post an additional secu-  
37 rity with the clerk of the court to secure payment of reasonable  
38 expenses for an additional period of time pending a determination by the  
39 court of the charges against the person from whom the animal was seized.  
40 The person who posted the security shall be entitled to a refund of the  
41 security in whole or part for any expenses not incurred by such impound-  
42 ing organization upon adjudication of the charges. The person who posted  
43 the security shall be entitled to a full refund of the security, includ-  
44 ing reimbursement by the impounding organization of any amount allowed  
45 by the court to be expended, and the return of the animal seized and  
46 impounded upon acquittal or dismissal of the charges, except where the  
47 dismissal is based upon an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal  
48 pursuant to section 215.30 of the criminal procedure law. The court  
49 order directing such refund and reimbursement shall provide for payment  
50 to be made within a reasonable time from the acquittal or dismissal of  
51 charges.

52 S 7. Subdivision 8 of section 374 of the agriculture and markets law  
53 is REPEALED.

54 S 8. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new  
55 section 380 to read as follows:

1 S 380. SPECIAL SENTENCING PROVISIONS. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENAL-  
2 TY PROVIDED BY LAW, A COURT MAY IMPOSE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES UPON A  
3 CONVICTION FOR ANY ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSE:

4 1. THE CONVICTED PERSON MAY, AFTER A DULY HELD HEARING PURSUANT TO  
5 SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, BE ORDERED BY THE COURT TO FORFEIT, TO  
6 AN ANIMAL SHELTER, POUND, SHERIFF, MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT  
7 ATTORNEY, A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO  
8 ANIMALS OR A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY OR AUTHORIZED AGENTS THERE-  
9 OF, THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION. UPON  
10 SUCH AN ORDER OF FORFEITURE, THE CONVICTED PERSON SHALL BE DEEMED TO  
11 HAVE RELINQUISHED ALL RIGHTS TO THE ANIMALS WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF THE  
12 CONVICTION, EXCEPT THOSE GRANTED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

13 2. IN THE CASE OF FARM ANIMALS, THE COURT MAY, IN ADDITION TO THE  
14 FORFEITURE TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER, POUND, SHERIFF, MUNICIPAL POLICE  
15 DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE  
16 PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY  
17 OR AUTHORIZED AGENTS THEREOF, AND SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF  
18 SECTIONS THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN OF THIS  
19 ARTICLE, ORDER THE FARM ANIMALS WHICH WERE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION  
20 TO BE SOLD. IN NO CASE SHALL FARM ANIMALS WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF THE  
21 CONVICTION BE REDEEMED BY THE CONVICTED PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE  
22 ORDER OF FORFEITURE OR BY ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH AN ANIMAL CRUELTY  
23 OFFENSE FOR CONSPIRING, AIDING OR ABETTING IN THE UNLAWFUL ACT WHICH WAS  
24 THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION, OR OTHERWISE ACTING AS AN ACCOMPLICE IF  
25 SUCH CHARGE HAS NOT YET BEEN ADJUDICATED. THE COURT SHALL REIMBURSE THE  
26 CONVICTED PERSON AND ANY DULY DETERMINED INTERESTED PERSONS, PURSUANT TO  
27 SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, ANY MONEY EARNED BY THE SALE OF THE  
28 FARM ANIMALS LESS ANY COSTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VETERINARY  
29 AND CUSTODIAL CARE, AND ANY FINES OR PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE COURT. THE  
30 COURT MAY ORDER THAT THE SUBJECT ANIMALS BE PROVIDED WITH APPROPRIATE  
31 CARE AND TREATMENT PENDING THE HEARING AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE CHARG-  
32 ES. ANY FARM ANIMAL ORDERED FORFEITED BUT NOT SOLD SHALL BE REMANDED TO  
33 THE CUSTODY AND CHARGE OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER, POUND, SHERIFF, MUNICIPAL  
34 POLICE DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR  
35 THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY  
36 OR ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT THEREOF AND DISPOSED OF PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION  
37 FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

38 3. THE COURT MAY ORDER THAT THE CONVICTED PERSON SHALL NOT OWN,  
39 HARBOR, OR HAVE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF ANY OTHER ANIMALS, OTHER THAN FARM  
40 ANIMALS, FOR A PERIOD OF TIME WHICH THE COURT DEEMS REASONABLE. IN  
41 MAKING ITS DETERMINATION OF WHAT PERIOD OF TIME IS REASONABLE, THE COURT  
42 SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE IT AND  
43 BE BOUND TO NO SINGLE FACTOR. SUCH ORDER MUST BE IN WRITING AND SPECIF-  
44 ICALLY STATE THE PERIOD OF TIME IMPOSED.

45 4. NO DOG OR CAT IN THE CUSTODY OF A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR  
46 THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY  
47 OR ITS AUTHORIZED AGENTS THEREOF, OR A POUND OR SHELTER, SHALL BE SOLD,  
48 TRANSFERRED OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
49 RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTATION OR TESTING. NO AUTHORIZED AGENT OF A DULY  
50 INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, NOR OF A  
51 DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY, SHALL USE ANY ANIMAL PLACED IN ITS  
52 CUSTODY BY THE DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY  
53 TO ANIMALS OR DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
54 RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTATION OR TESTING.

55 5. AN ANIMAL SHELTER, POUND, SHERIFF, MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
56 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY IN CHARGE OF ANIMALS FORFEITED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OR TWO OF THIS SECTION MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, LAWFULLY AND WITHOUT LIABILITY, ADOPT THEM TO INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THE CONVICTED PERSON OR PERSON CHARGED WITH AN ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSE FOR CONSPIRING, AIDING OR ABETTING IN THE UNLAWFUL ACT WHICH WAS THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION, OR OTHERWISE ACTING AS AN ACCOMPLICE IF SUCH CHARGE HAS NOT YET BEEN ADJUDICATED, OR HUMANELY DISPOSE OF THEM SUBJECT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE.

6. (A) PRIOR TO AN ORDER OF FORFEITURE OF FARM ANIMALS, A HEARING SHALL BE HELD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF CONVICTION TO DETERMINE THE PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ANY OTHER PERSON IN THE FARM ANIMALS WHICH WERE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION. WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE SERVED AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING UPON ALL INTERESTED PERSONS. IN ADDITION, NOTICE SHALL BE MADE BY PUBLICATION IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, INTERESTED PERSONS SHALL MEAN ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, JOINT STOCK COMPANY, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, TRUST, ESTATE, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY WHO THE COURT DETERMINES MAY HAVE A PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE FARM ANIMALS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE FORFEITURE ACTION.

(B) ALL INTERESTED PERSONS SHALL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY AT THE HEARING TO REDEEM THEIR INTEREST AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT IN THE SUBJECT FARM ANIMALS AND TO PURCHASE THE INTEREST OF THE CONVICTED PERSON. THE CONVICTED PERSON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE REIMBURSED HIS OR HER INTEREST IN THE FARM ANIMALS, LESS ANY COSTS, FINES OR PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE COURT, AS SPECIFIED UNDER SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION. IN NO CASE SHALL THE COURT AWARD CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE ANIMALS TO ANY INTERESTED PERSON WHO CONSPIRED, AIDED OR ABETTED IN THE UNLAWFUL ACT WHICH WAS THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION, OR WHO KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE UNLAWFUL ACT.

7. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT IN ANY WAY THE RIGHTS OF A SECURED PARTY HAVING A SECURITY INTEREST IN ANY FARM ANIMAL DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION. THIS SECTION EXPRESSLY DOES NOT IMPAIR OR SUBORDINATE THE RIGHTS OF SUCH A SECURED LENDER HAVING A SECURITY INTEREST IN FARM ANIMALS OR IN THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF SUCH FARM ANIMALS.

S 9. The penal law is amended by adding a new title Q to read as follows:

TITLE Q  
OFFENSES AGAINST ANIMALS  
ARTICLE 280  
OFFENSES AGAINST ANIMALS

SECTION 280.00 DEFINITIONS.

280.05 PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

280.10 PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

280.20 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

280.25 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

280.30 UNLAWFUL DEALING WITH ANIMALS USED FOR RACING, BREEDING, OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED OR STAMINA.

280.35 ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS.

280.40 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

280.45 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

280.50 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

280.55 UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF ANIMAL PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF RESTRAINT AND ABDUCTION.

280.60 APPROPRIATE SHELTER FOR DOGS LEFT OUTDOORS.

280.65 CONFINEMENT OF COMPANION ANIMALS IN VEHICLES; EXTREME TEMPERATURES.

280.70 LEAVING NEW YORK STATE TO AVOID PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

280.75 EVIDENTIARY AND IMPOUNDMENT PROCEDURES BY MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

280.80 SPECIAL SENTENCING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE.

S 280.00 DEFINITIONS.

THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS ARTICLE:

1. "ANIMAL" INCLUDES EVERY LIVING CREATURE EXCEPT A HUMAN BEING.

2. "CRUELTY" INCLUDES EVERY ACT, OMISSION, OR NEGLECT, WHEREBY UNJUSTIFIABLE PHYSICAL PAIN, SUFFERING OR DEATH IS CAUSED OR PERMITTED AND SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ANY ACT OF OVERDRIVING, OVERLOADING, INJURING, MAIMING, MUTILATING, OR KILLING AN ANIMAL.

3. "AGGRAVATED CRUELTY" SHALL MEAN AN ACT OF CRUELTY THAT IS DONE OR CARRIED OUT IN A DEPRAVED OR SADISTIC MANNER.

4. "TORTURE" MEANS CONDUCT THAT IS INTENDED TO CAUSE EXTREME PAIN.

5. "ADOPTION" MEANS THE DELIVERY OF ANY ANIMAL, SEIZED OR SURRENDERED, TO ANY NATURAL PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF HARBORING SUCH ANIMAL AS A PET.

6. "FARM ANIMAL" MEANS ANY UNGULATE, POULTRY, SPECIES OF CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS, LLAMAS, HORSES OR FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 11-1907 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, WHICH ARE RAISED FOR COMMERCIAL OR SUBSISTENCE PURPOSES. "FUR-BEARING ANIMAL" SHALL NOT INCLUDE DOGS OR CATS.

7. "COMPANION ANIMAL" OR "PET" MEANS ANY DOG OR CAT, AND SHALL ALSO MEAN ANY OTHER DOMESTICATED ANIMAL NORMALLY MAINTAINED IN OR NEAR THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE OWNER OR PERSON WHO CARES FOR SUCH OTHER DOMESTICATED ANIMAL. "COMPANION ANIMAL" OR "PET" SHALL NOT INCLUDE A "FARM ANIMAL" AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION.

8. "ANIMAL FIGHTING" SHALL MEAN ANY FIGHT BETWEEN COCKS OR OTHER BIRDS, OR BETWEEN DOGS, BULLS, BEARS OR ANY OTHER ANIMALS, OR BETWEEN ANY SUCH ANIMAL AND A PERSON OR PERSONS, EXCEPT IN EXHIBITIONS OF A KIND COMMONLY FEATURED AT RODEOS.

9. "ABANDONS" MEANS ANY ACTION TAKEN THAT REFLECTS WILLFUL DEPARTURE FROM THE OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL, WITHOUT MAKING ADEQUATE PROVISIONS FOR THE ANIMAL'S FUTURE CARE.

10. "RESTRAIN" MEANS TO RESTRICT AN ANIMAL'S MOVEMENTS INTENTIONALLY AND UNLAWFULLY IN SUCH MANNER AS TO INTERFERE SUBSTANTIALLY WITH ITS LIBERTY BY MOVING IT FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER, OR BY CONFINING IT EITHER IN THE PLACE WHERE THE RESTRICTION COMMENCES OR IN A PLACE TO WHICH IT HAS BEEN MOVED, WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT THE RESTRICTION IS UNLAWFUL.

11. "ABDUCT" MEANS TO RESTRAIN AN ANIMAL WITH INTENT TO PREVENT ITS LIBERATION BY SECRETING OR HOLDING IT IN A PLACE WHERE IT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE FOUND.

S 280.05 PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN SUCH PERSON:

1. OWNS, POSSESSES, OR KEEPS ANY ANIMAL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE EVINCING AN INTENT THAT SUCH ANIMAL ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING; OR

2. PAYS AN ADMISSION FEE, MAKES A WAGER, OR IS OTHERWISE PRESENT AT ANY PLACE WHERE AN EXHIBITION OF ANIMAL FIGHTING IS BEING CONDUCTED, AND SUCH PERSON HAS KNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH AN EXHIBITION IS BEING CONDUCTED.

PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

1 S 280.10 PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

2 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE FIRST DEGREE  
3 WHEN SUCH PERSON:

4 1. INTENTIONALLY CAUSES AN ANIMAL TO ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING; OR

5 2. TRAINS AN ANIMAL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EVINCING AN INTENT THAT SUCH  
6 ANIMAL ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING; OR

7 3. BREEDS, TRANSFERS, SELLS OR OFFERS FOR SALE AN ANIMAL UNDER CIRCUM-  
8 STANCES EVINCING AN INTENT THAT SUCH ANIMAL ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING;  
9 OR

10 4. PERMITS ANY ACT DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE, TWO OR THREE OF THIS  
11 SECTION TO OCCUR ON PREMISES UNDER HIS OR HER CONTROL; OR

12 5. OWNS, POSSESSES OR KEEPS ANY ANIMAL ON PREMISES WHERE AN EXHIBITION  
13 OF ANIMAL FIGHTING IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EVINCING AN  
14 INTENT THAT SUCH ANIMAL ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING.

15 PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS D FELONY.

16 S 280.20 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

17 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN:

18 1. HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF  
19 AN ANIMAL, HE OR SHE DEPRIVES SUCH ANIMAL OF, OR NEGLECTS TO FURNISH  
20 SUCH ANIMAL WITH, NUTRITION, HYDRATION, VETERINARY CARE, OR SHELTER  
21 ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN THE ANIMAL'S HEALTH AND COMFORT, OR CAUSES,  
22 PROCURES, OR PERMITS SUCH ANIMAL TO BE DEPRIVED OF NUTRITION, HYDRATION,  
23 VETERINARY CARE, OR SHELTER ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN THE ANIMAL'S HEALTH AND  
24 COMFORT, AND HE OR SHE KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT SUCH ANIMAL  
25 IS NOT RECEIVING ADEQUATE NUTRITION, HYDRATION, VETERINARY CARE, OR  
26 SHELTER ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN THE ANIMAL'S HEALTH AND COMFORT; OR

27 2. HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF  
28 AN ANIMAL, HE OR SHE ABANDONS SUCH ANIMAL; OR

29 3. HAVING NO JUSTIFIABLE PURPOSE, HE OR SHE KNOWINGLY INSTIGATES,  
30 ENGAGES IN, OR IN ANY WAY FURTHERS CRUELTY TO AN ANIMAL, OR ANY ACT  
31 TENDING TO PRODUCE SUCH CRUELTY; OR

32 4. HAVING NO JUSTIFIABLE PROPOSE, HE OR SHE ADMINISTERS OR EXPOSES ANY  
33 POISONOUS OR NOXIOUS DRUG OR SUBSTANCE TO AN ANIMAL, WITH INTENT THAT  
34 THE ANIMAL TAKE THE SAME AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE THE ANIMAL.

35 NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT OR INTERFERE  
36 WITH ANY PROPERLY CONDUCTED SCIENTIFIC TESTS, EXPERIMENTS, OR INVESTI-  
37 GATIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF LIVING ANIMALS, PERFORMED OR CONDUCTED IN  
38 LABORATORIES OR INSTITUTIONS, WHICH ARE APPROVED FOR THESE PURPOSES BY  
39 THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL PRESCRIBE  
40 THE RULES UNDER WHICH SUCH APPROVALS SHALL BE GRANTED, INCLUDING THEREIN  
41 STANDARDS REGARDING THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF ANY SUCH ANIMALS. SUCH  
42 RULES SHALL BE PUBLISHED AND COPIES THEREOF CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN EACH  
43 SUCH LABORATORY OR INSTITUTION. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OR HIS OR HER  
44 DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO INSPECT SUCH  
45 LABORATORIES OR INSTITUTIONS TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH RULES AND  
46 STANDARDS. EACH SUCH APPROVAL MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME FOR FAILURE TO  
47 COMPLY WITH SUCH RULES AND IN ANY CASE THE APPROVAL SHALL BE LIMITED TO  
48 A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR.

49 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

50 S 280.25 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

51 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN:

52 1. HAVING NO JUSTIFIABLE PURPOSE AND WITH INTENT TO CAUSE THE DEATH OF  
53 A COMPANION ANIMAL, HE OR SHE CAUSES THE DEATH OF SUCH ANIMAL; OR

54 2. HAVING NO JUSTIFIABLE PURPOSE AND WITH INTENT TO CAUSE SERIOUS  
55 PHYSICAL INJURY TO A COMPANION ANIMAL, HE OR SHE CAUSES SUCH INJURY TO  
56 SUCH ANIMAL; OR



1 3. HAVING NO JUSTIFIABLE PURPOSE, HE OR SHE INTENTIONALLY TORTURES AN  
2 ANIMAL OR KNOWINGLY INSTIGATES, ENGAGES IN, OR IN ANY WAY FURTHERS  
3 AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO AN ANIMAL, OR ANY ACT TENDING TO PRODUCE SUCH  
4 AGGRAVATED CRUELTY; OR

5 4. COMMITS THE CRIME OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE IN  
6 VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION 280.20 AND SUCH ANIMAL IS A  
7 HORSE, MULE, OR DOMESTIC CATTLE; OR

8 5. COMMITS THE CRIME OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE IN  
9 VIOLATION OF SECTION 280.20 OF THIS ARTICLE AND HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN  
10 CONVICTED, WITHIN THE PRECEDING TEN YEARS, OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE  
11 SECOND DEGREE.

12 NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT OR  
13 INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH ANYONE LAWFULLY ENGAGED IN HUNTING, TRAPPING,  
14 OR FISHING, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE ELEVEN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVA-  
15 TION LAW, THE DISPATCH OF RABID OR DISEASED ANIMALS, AS PROVIDED IN  
16 ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, OR THE DISPATCH OF ANIMALS  
17 POSING A THREAT TO HUMAN SAFETY OR OTHER ANIMALS, WHERE SUCH ACTION IS  
18 OTHERWISE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED, OR ANY PROPERLY CONDUCTED SCIENTIFIC  
19 TESTS, EXPERIMENTS, OR INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF LIVING  
20 ANIMALS, PERFORMED OR CONDUCTED IN LABORATORIES OR INSTITUTIONS APPROVED  
21 FOR SUCH PURPOSES BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO SECTION  
22 280.20 OF THIS ARTICLE.

23 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS D FELONY.

24 S 280.30 UNLAWFUL DEALING WITH ANIMALS USED FOR RACING, BREEDING, OR  
25 COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED OR STAMINA.

26 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL DEALING WITH ANIMALS USED FOR RACING,  
27 BREEDING, OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED, OR STAMINA WHEN  
28 SUCH PERSON:

29 1. COMMITS THE CRIME OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE IN  
30 VIOLATION OF SECTION 280.20 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND SUCH ANIMAL IS AN  
31 ANIMAL USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF RACING, BREEDING OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBI-  
32 TION OF SKILL, BREED, OR STAMINA; OR

33 2. INTERFERES WITH, INJURES, DESTROYS, OR TAMPERS WITH ANY ANIMAL USED  
34 FOR THE PURPOSES OF RACING, BREEDING, OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF  
35 SKILL, BREED, OR STAMINA.

36 UNLAWFUL DEALING WITH ANIMALS USED FOR RACING, BREEDING OR COMPETITIVE  
37 EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED OR STAMINA IS A CLASS E FELONY.

38 S 280.35 ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS.

39 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS WHEN, WITH  
40 THE INTENT TO CAUSE INJURY TO AN ANIMAL, OR RECKLESSLY CREATING A RISK  
41 THEREOF, SUCH PERSON:

42 1. CREATES A HAZARDOUS OR PHYSICALLY OFFENSIVE CONDITION FOR ANY  
43 ANIMAL BY ANY ACT THAT SERVES NO LEGITIMATE PURPOSE; OR

44 2. THROWS, DROPS OR PLACES, OR CAUSES TO BE THROWN, DROPPED OR PLACED  
45 IN A PUBLIC PLACE, A SUBSTANCE THAT MIGHT WOUND, DISABLE, OR INJURE ANY  
46 ANIMAL.

47 ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS IS A VIOLATION.

48 S 280.40 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

49 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN SUCH  
50 PERSON RESTRAINS A COMPANION ANIMAL WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVID-  
51 UAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER  
52 SAID COMPANION ANIMAL.

53 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE THIRD DEGREE IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR.

54 S 280.45 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

55 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN SUCH  
56 PERSON ABDUCTS A COMPANION ANIMAL WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL

HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL.

ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

S 280.50 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN SUCH PERSON ABDUCTS OR RESTRAINS A COMPANION ANIMAL WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL, AND WHEN:

1. SUCH PERSON'S INTENT IS TO COMPEL THE PAYMENT OR DELIVERANCE OF MONEY OR PROPERTY AS RANSOM, OR TO ENGAGE IN OTHER PARTICULAR CONDUCT, OR TO REFRAIN FROM ENGAGING IN PARTICULAR CONDUCT; OR

2. SUCH PERSON CAUSES PHYSICAL INJURY TO THE COMPANION ANIMAL; OR

3. THE COMPANION ANIMAL DIES DURING THE ABDUCTION OR BEFORE IT IS ABLE TO RETURN OR BE RETURNED TO SAFETY. SUCH DEATH SHALL BE PRESUMED FROM EVIDENCE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL DID NOT SEE THE ANIMAL FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE ABDUCTION AND PRIOR TO TRIAL AND RECEIVED NO RELIABLE INFORMATION DURING SUCH PERIOD PERSUASIVELY INDICATING THAT SUCH ANIMAL WAS ALIVE.

ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS D FELONY.

S 280.55 UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF ANIMAL PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF RESTRAINT AND ABDUCTION.

THE UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF A COMPANION ANIMAL BY ANY PERSON WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL, FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING TEN DAYS, WITHOUT NOTIFYING EITHER SAID INDIVIDUAL, THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES, THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL SHELTER OR POUND OR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE POLICE LOCATED IN ALBANY, NEW YORK, OF SUCH POSSESSION, SHALL BE PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF RESTRAINT AND ABDUCTION.

S 280.60 APPROPRIATE SHELTER FOR DOGS LEFT OUTDOORS.

1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

(A) "PHYSICAL CONDITION" SHALL INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS OF A DOG DUE TO DISEASE, ILLNESS, INJURY, AGE OR BREED ABOUT WHICH THE OWNER OR PERSON WITH CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE DOG SHOULD REASONABLY BE AWARE.

(B) "INCLEMENT WEATHER" SHALL MEAN WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT ARE LIKELY TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE DOG, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RAIN, SLEET, ICE, SNOW, WIND, OR EXTREME HEAT AND COLD.

(C) "DOGS THAT ARE LEFT OUTDOORS" SHALL MEAN DOGS THAT ARE OUTDOORS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER WITHOUT READY ACCESS TO, OR THE ABILITY TO ENTER, A HOUSE, APARTMENT BUILDING, OFFICE BUILDING, OR ANY OTHER PERMANENT STRUCTURE THAT COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION.

2. (A) ANY PERSON WHO OWNS OR HAS CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A DOG THAT IS LEFT OUTDOORS SHALL PROVIDE IT WITH SHELTER APPROPRIATE TO ITS BREED, PHYSICAL CONDITION AND CLIMATE. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, AND A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE. BEGINNING SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER A CHARGE OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION, EACH DAY THAT A DEFENDANT FAILS TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE DOG SHELTER FOR A DOG THAT HE OR SHE OWNS OR THAT IS IN HIS OR HER CUSTODY OR CONTROL AND THAT IS LEFT OUTDOORS, SO AS TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(B) THE COURT MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF ANY FINE IMPOSED FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION BY THE AMOUNT WHICH THE DEFENDANT PROVES HE OR SHE HAS SPENT PROVIDING A DOG SHELTER OR REPAIRING AN EXISTING DOG SHELTER SO THAT IT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PREVENT THE SEIZURE OF A DOG FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE.

3. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER SHELTER IS APPROPRIATE TO A DOG'S BREED, PHYSICAL CONDITION AND THE CLIMATE SHALL INCLUDE:

(A) FOR DOGS THAT ARE RESTRAINED IN ANY MANNER OUTDOORS, SHADE BY NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL MEANS TO PROTECT THE DOG FROM DIRECT SUNLIGHT AT ALL TIMES WHEN EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT IS LIKELY TO THREATEN THE HEALTH OF THE DOG.

(B) FOR ALL DOGS THAT ARE LEFT OUTDOORS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER, A HOUSING FACILITY, WHICH MUST: (1) HAVE A WATERPROOF ROOF; (2) BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND WITH INSULATION APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AND SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT THE DOG FROM INCLEMENT WEATHER; (3) BE CONSTRUCTED TO ALLOW EACH DOG ADEQUATE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT TO MAKE NORMAL POSTURAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO STAND UP, TURN AROUND AND LIE DOWN WITH ITS LIMBS OUTSTRETCHED; AND (4) ALLOW FOR EFFECTIVE REMOVAL OF EXCRETIONS, OTHER WASTE MATERIAL, DIRT AND TRASH. THE HOUSING FACILITY AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING IT SHALL BE REGULARLY CLEANED TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AND SANITARY ENVIRONMENT AND TO MINIMIZE HEALTH HAZARDS.

4. INADEQUATE SHELTER MAY BE INDICATED BY THE APPEARANCE OF THE HOUSING FACILITY ITSELF, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SIZE, STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS, EVIDENCE OF CROWDING WITHIN THE HOUSING FACILITY, HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING SUCH FACILITY, OR BY THE APPEARANCE OR PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE DOG.

5. UPON A FINDING OF ANY VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, ANY DOG OR DOGS SEIZED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED BY THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OR FORFEITED PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN ONLY UPON PROOF THAT APPROPRIATE SHELTER AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS BEING PROVIDED.

6. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT ANY PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO DOGS OR OTHER ANIMALS UNDER ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 280.65 CONFINEMENT OF COMPANION ANIMALS IN VEHICLES; EXTREME TEMPERATURES.

1. A PERSON SHALL NOT CONFINE A COMPANION ANIMAL IN A MOTOR VEHICLE IN EXTREME HEAT OR COLD WITHOUT PROPER VENTILATION OR OTHER PROTECTION FROM SUCH EXTREME TEMPERATURES WHERE SUCH CONFINEMENT PLACES THE COMPANION ANIMAL IN IMMINENT DANGER OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY DUE TO EXPOSURE TO SUCH EXTREME HEAT OR COLD.

2. WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH A VEHICLE CANNOT BE PROMPTLY LOCATED, A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICER, OR PEACE OFFICER ACTING AS AN AGENT OF A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY MAY TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO REMOVE THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS FROM THE VEHICLE.

3. POLICE OFFICERS, PEACE OFFICERS OR PEACE OFFICERS ACTING AS AGENTS OF A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY REMOVING AN ANIMAL OR ANIMALS FROM A VEHICLE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PLACE A WRITTEN NOTICE ON OR IN THE VEHICLE, BEARING THE NAME OF THE OFFICER OR AGENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY AND ADDRESS WHERE THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS WILL BE TAKEN.

4. AN ANIMAL OR ANIMALS REMOVED FROM A VEHICLE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL, AFTER RECEIPT OF ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY VETERINARY

TREATMENT, BE DELIVERED TO THE DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY OR SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, OR DESIGNATED AGENT THEREOF, IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS WERE SEIZED.

5. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, AND A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES.

6. OFFICERS SHALL NOT BE HELD CRIMINALLY OR CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN REASONABLY AND IN GOOD FAITH IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

7. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT ANY OTHER PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO COMPANION ANIMALS UNDER ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 280.70 LEAVING NEW YORK STATE TO AVOID PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

A PERSON WHO LEAVES THIS STATE WITH INTENT TO ELUDE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR TO COMMIT ANY ACT OUT OF THIS STATE WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THEM OR WHO, BEING A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, DOES ANY ACT WITHOUT THIS STATE, PURSUANT TO SUCH INTENT, WHICH WOULD BE PUNISHABLE UNDER SUCH PROVISIONS, IF COMMITTED WITHIN THIS STATE, IS PUNISHABLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS IF SUCH ACT HAD BEEN COMMITTED WITHIN THIS STATE.

S 280.75 EVIDENTIARY AND IMPOUNDMENT PROCEDURES BY MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE SEIZURE, ADOPTION, CARE, DISPOSITION AND DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS BY MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEMBERS OF A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS CHARGED TO ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE, ANCILLARY TO SUCH ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW AND ARTICLE SIX HUNDRED NINETY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW.

S 280.80 SPECIAL SENTENCING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE.

IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED BY LAW, THE SENTENCING PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 10. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 60.22 to read as follows:

S 60.22 AUTHORIZED DISPOSITIONS; PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING.

WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE DEFINED IN SECTION 280.05 OF THIS CHAPTER, IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER PENALTIES AS PROVIDED IN THIS CHAPTER, THE COURT MAY IMPOSE A FINE WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE DEFINED IN SECTION 280.10 OF THIS CHAPTER, THE COURT MAY IMPOSE A FINE WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

S 11. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 70.02 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 405 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Class D violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit any of the class C felonies set forth in paragraph (b); reckless assault of a child as defined in section 120.02, assault in the second degree as defined in section 120.05, menacing a police officer or peace officer as defined in section 120.18, stalking in the first degree, as defined in subdivision one of section 120.60, strangulation in the second degree as defined in section 121.12, rape in the second degree as defined in section 130.30, criminal sexual act in the second degree as defined in section 130.45, sexual abuse in the first degree as defined in section 130.65, course of sexual conduct against a child in the second degree as defined in

1 section 130.80, aggravated sexual abuse in the third degree as defined  
2 in section 130.66, facilitating a sex offense with a controlled  
3 substance as defined in section 130.90, criminal possession of a weapon  
4 in the third degree as defined in subdivision five, six, seven or eight  
5 of section 265.02, criminal sale of a firearm in the third degree as  
6 defined in section 265.11, intimidating a victim or witness in the  
7 second degree as defined in section 215.16, soliciting or providing  
8 support for an act of terrorism in the second degree as defined in  
9 section 490.10, and making a terroristic threat as defined in section  
10 490.20, falsely reporting an incident in the first degree as defined in  
11 section 240.60, placing a false bomb or hazardous substance in the first  
12 degree as defined in section 240.62, placing a false bomb or hazardous  
13 substance in a sports stadium or arena, mass transportation facility or  
14 enclosed shopping mall as defined in section 240.63, [and] aggravated  
15 unpermitted use of indoor pyrotechnics in the first degree as defined in  
16 section 405.18, AND ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN  
17 SUBDIVISION ONE, TWO OR THREE OF SECTION 280.25.

18 S 12. Section 195.06 of the penal law, as added by chapter 42 of the  
19 laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

20 S 195.06 Killing or injuring a police animal.

21 A person is guilty of killing or injuring a police animal when such  
22 person intentionally kills or injures any animal while such animal is in  
23 the performance of its duties and under the supervision of a police or  
24 peace officer.

25 Killing or injuring a police animal is a class [A misdemeanor] D Felo-  
26 NY.

27 S 13. Section 195.11 of the penal law, as added by chapter 344 of the  
28 laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

29 S 195.11 Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in  
30 the second degree.

31 A person is guilty of harming an animal trained to aid a person with a  
32 disability in the second degree when such person intentionally causes  
33 physical injury to such animal while it is in the performance of aiding  
34 a person with a disability, and thereby renders such animal incapable of  
35 providing such aid to such person, or to another person with a disabili-  
36 ty.

37 For purposes of this section and section 195.12 of this article, the  
38 term "disability" means "disability" as defined in subdivision twenty-  
39 one of section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

40 Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in the  
41 second degree is a class [B] A misdemeanor.

42 S 14. Section 195.12 of the penal law, as added by chapter 344 of the  
43 laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

44 S 195.12 Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in  
45 the first degree.

46 A person is guilty of harming an animal trained to aid a person with a  
47 disability in the first degree when such person:

48 1. intentionally causes physical injury to such animal while it is in  
49 the performance of aiding a person with a disability, and thereby  
50 renders such animal permanently incapable of providing such aid to such  
51 person, or to another person with a disability; or

52 2. intentionally kills such animal while it is in the performance of  
53 aiding a person with a disability.

54 Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in the  
55 first degree is a class [A misdemeanor] D FELONY.

1 S 15. Subdivision 2 of section 265.01 of the penal law, as amended by  
2 chapter 220 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) He OR SHE possesses any dagger, dangerous knife, dirk, razor,  
4 stiletto, imitation pistol, or any other dangerous or deadly instrument  
5 or weapon with intent to use the same unlawfully against another PERSON  
6 OR ANIMAL; or

7 S 16. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdi-  
8 vision, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
9 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
10 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
11 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
12 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
13 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
14 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
15 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

16 S 17. This act shall take effect on the first of November next  
17 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.