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and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee  
on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to estab-  
lishing a toll-free hotline to report animal fighting

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

1     Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 351-a to read as follows:  
3     S 351-A. ANIMAL FIGHTING HOTLINE. 1. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION  
4     OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A TOLL-FREE  
5     STATEWIDE NUMBER FOR USE IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION OF ANIMAL  
6     FIGHTING IN VIOLATION OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE OF THIS ARTI-  
7     CLE. SUCH TOLL-FREE NUMBER MAY BE USED BY PERSONS TO REPORT OBSERVATIONS  
8     OR KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS ENGAGING IN CONDUCT SPECIFIED IN SECTION THREE  
9     HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE.  
10    2. INFORMATION CONCERNING ANIMAL FIGHTING ACTIVITY OBTAINED FROM USE  
11    OF THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR  
12    LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND/OR TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
13    CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (SPCA) IN THOSE COUNTIES WHERE SPCAS HAVE PEACE OFFI-  
14    CERS AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. IN ACCORDANCE  
15    WITH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE DIVISION OF CRIMI-  
16    NAL JUSTICE SERVICES SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT WHICH PROVIDES  
17    INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER, LOCATION AND NATURE OF THE CALLS  
18    RECEIVED ON THE ANIMAL FIGHTING HOTLINE. THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL BE  
19    PUBLISHED ON THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE'S WEBSITE.  
20    S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
21    have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the  
22    addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
23    for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized  
24    and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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