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

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

1     Section 1. Section 355 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended  
2     by chapter 458 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 355. Abandonment of animals. A person being the owner or possessor,  
4     or having charge or custody of an animal, who abandons such animal, or  
5     leaves it to die in a street, road or public place, or who allows such  
6     animal, if it [become] BECOMES disabled, to lie in a public street, road  
7     or public place more than three hours after he OR SHE receives notice  
8     that it is left disabled, is guilty of a [misdemeanor] CLASS E FELONY,  
9     punishable by imprisonment for not more than [one year] FOUR YEARS, or  
10    by a fine of not more than [one] FIVE thousand dollars, or by both.  
11    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
12    ing 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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