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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to exempting police dogs from confinement and observation

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 amended by chapter 510 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 7. "Confinement and observation" refers to the conditions under which
5 apparently healthy dogs, cats, domesticated ferrets, and domestic live-
6 stock, which are not exhibiting symptoms of rabies, must be maintained
7 to determine rabies status if such an animal has potentially exposed a
8 person to rabies, and the owner wishes to avoid euthanizing and testing
9 the animal. If the county health authority does not approve home
10 confinement, the ten day confinement and observation period must take
11 place, at owner's expense, at an appropriate facility such as an animal
12 shelter, veterinarian's office, kennel or farm. The confinement must
13 include (i) provisions to prevent escape of the animal during the
14 confinement period and (ii) requirements that the owner notify the
15 public health authority immediately if the animal becomes ill at anytime
16 during confinement, and (iii) verification by the county health authori-
17 ty or their designee at the end of the ten day period that the animal is
18 healthy. IF A POLICE WORK DOG BITES AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE COURSE OF SUCH
19 DOG'S OFFICIAL DUTY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY APPLY FOR A WAIVER FROM
20 CONFINEMENT FROM THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. AS PART OF SUCH APPLI-
21 CATION FOR A WAIVER, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE LOCAL
22 HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH RECORDS OF SUCH DOG'S PAST VACCINATION FOR RABIES
23 AND PROOF THAT SUCH DOG'S RABIES VACCINATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE.
24 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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