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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI, OTIS, SOLAGES, BRINDISI, RAIA, TEDISCO  
-- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, COOK, RA, SWEENEY -- read  
once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the real property law, the public housing law and the  
cooperative corporations law, in relation to discrimination against  
owners of specific breeds of dog

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

- 1 Section 1. The real property law is amended by adding a new section  
2 339-ll to read as follows:  
3 S 339-LL. LIMITATIONS ON BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS. NO BY-LAW,  
4 RULE, REGULATION, RESOLUTION OR DECISION MAY BE ADOPTED THAT RESTRICTS A  
5 UNIT OWNER'S ABILITY TO OWN A SPECIFIC BREED OF DOG. NOTHING IN THIS  
6 SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A BOARD OF MANAGERS FROM  
7 RESTRICTING OWNERSHIP OF DOGS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BREED, OR OWNERSHIP  
8 OF DANGEROUS DOGS AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE OF THE  
9 AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW.
- 10 S 2. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section 223-c  
11 to read as follows:  
12 S 223-C. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WHO OWN CERTAIN BREEDS OF  
13 DOGS. NO PERSON SHALL BE DENIED OCCUPANCY IN A DWELLING IN ANY PROJECT  
14 OR BE SUBJECTED TO EVICTION FROM ANY SUCH DWELLING ON THE SOLE GROUND  
15 THAT SUCH PERSON OWNS A SPECIFIC BREED OF DOG AND RESIDES WITH SUCH  
16 PERSON.
- 17 S 3. The real property law is amended by adding a new section 238-a to  
18 read as follows:  
19 S 238-A. DISCRIMINATION IN LEASES WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC BREED OF  
20 DOGS. NO PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION OWNING OR HAVING IN CHARGE ANY  
21 APARTMENT HOUSE, TENEMENT HOUSE OR OTHER BUILDING OR MOBILE HOME PARK  
22 USED FOR DWELLING PURPOSES SHALL RESTRICT A TENANT'S ABILITY TO OWN A  
23 SPECIFIC BREED OF DOG. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO

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

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1 PROHIBIT THE RESTRICTION OF OWNERSHIP OF DOGS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR  
2 BREED, OR OWNERSHIP OF DANGEROUS DOGS AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED  
3 TWENTY-THREE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW.

4 S 4. The cooperative corporations law is amended by adding a new  
5 section 19 to read as follows:

6 S 19. LIMITATIONS OF BY-LAWS BY CERTAIN COOPERATIVE CORPORATIONS. NO  
7 BY-LAW OR RULE MAY BE ADOPTED BY A COOPERATIVE CORPORATION THAT WAS  
8 FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING THAT WOULD RESTRICT A MEMBER'S ABILITY  
9 TO OWN A SPECIFIC BREED OF DOG. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
10 CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FROM RESTRICTING OWNER-  
11 SHIP OF DOGS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BREED, OR OWNERSHIP OF DANGEROUS DOGS  
12 AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND  
13 MARKETS LAW.

14 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.