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Introduced by M. of A. KATZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. FINCH, KEARNS, McDONOUGH, SALADINO, TENNEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to requiring animal dealers to disclose information about the disposition of unwanted animals kept as pets

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

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 408 to read as follows:

S 408. DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS KEPT AS PETS. 1. ANY LICENSED PET DEALER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PURCHASERS ABOUT DISPOSITION OF UNWANTED ANIMALS KEPT AS PETS. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(A) A DISCLOSURE FORM THAT SHALL BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE PURCHASER AND RETAINED BY THE LICENSED DEALER;

(B) INFORMATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE RELEASE OF NON-NATIVE SPECIES; AND

(C) INFORMATION ON LOCAL FACILITIES THAT CAN CARE FOR OR TAKE UNWANTED ANIMALS.

2. THE COMMISSIONER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A MODEL DISCLOSURE FORM AND FACT SHEET ON THE APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE BY LICENSED PET DEALERS. SUCH FORMS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S WEBSITE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the three hundred sixty-fifth day after it shall have become a law, provided, however, the commissioner of agriculture and markets and the commissioner of environmental conservation shall have the authority to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act 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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