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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 requir-  
ing 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 ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 408 to read as follows:  
3     S 408. DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS KEPT AS PETS. 1. ANY LICENSED PET DEALER  
4     SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PURCHASERS ABOUT DISPOSITION  
5     OF UNWANTED ANIMALS KEPT AS PETS. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT  
6     NOT BE LIMITED TO:  
7     (A) A DISCLOSURE FORM THAT SHALL BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE PURCHASER  
8     AND RETAINED BY THE LICENSED DEALER;  
9     (B) INFORMATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S  
10    RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE RELEASE OF NON-NATIVE SPECIES; AND  
11    (C) INFORMATION ON LOCAL FACILITIES THAT CAN CARE FOR OR TAKE UNWANTED  
12    ANIMALS.  
13    2. THE COMMISSIONER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRON-  
14    MENTAL CONSERVATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A MODEL DISCLOSURE FORM  
15    AND FACT SHEET ON THE APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE BY  
16    LICENSED PET DEALERS. SUCH FORMS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE DEPART-  
17    MENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S WEBSITE.  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect on the three hundred sixty-fifth day  
19    after it shall have become a law, provided, however, the commissioner of  
20    agriculture and markets and the commissioner of environmental conserva-  
21    tion shall have the authority to promulgate any rules or regulations  
22    necessary for the implementation of this act on or before such effective  
23    date.

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

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