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AN ACT to amend the executive law and the agriculture and markets law, in relation to police training regarding animal cruelty and protection laws

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subdivision 1 of section 840 of the executive law, as added by chapter 492 of the laws of 2009, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (k) Development, maintenance and dissemination, IN CONSULTATION WITH
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, of written policies and
5 procedures pursuant to ANIMAL CRUELTY AND PROTECTION LAWS, INCLUDING,
6 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, article twenty-six of the agriculture and markets
7 law, section 352.3 of the family court act as it applies to companion
8 animals, and applicable provisions of the penal law, regarding the
9 investigation and prevention of any act of cruelty to animals. THE
10 COUNCIL SHALL MAKE PROVISIONS IN SUCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
11 EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH ANIMAL CRUELTY AND
12 PROTECTION LAWS.

13 S 2. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
14 subdivision 20 to read as follows:

15 20. TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS IN DEVELOPING
16 INFORMATION ABOUT ANIMAL CRUELTY AND PROTECTION LAWS PURSUANT TO SUBDI-
17 VISION FORTY-EIGHT OF SECTION SIXTEEN OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
18 LAW.

19 S 3. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by
20 adding a new subdivision 48 to read as follows:

21 48. MAKE AVAILABLE IN WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC MEDIUM, IN A MANNER READ-
22 ILY ACCESSIBLE TO POLICE AGENCIES AND OFFICERS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS,
23 INFORMATION ABOUT ANIMAL CRUELTY AND PROTECTION LAWS IN THIS CHAPTER,
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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. THE
2 DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH THE DIVISION
3 OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING
4 COUNCIL, IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO ENHANCE TRAINING OF MUNICIPAL POLICE
5 OFFICERS AND TO ASSIST SUCH OFFICERS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN ENFORCING
6 AND APPLYING SUCH LAWS.

7 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.