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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the disposition of cats

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 374 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 449 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

2. In the absence of such findings or certification, a duly incorporated humane society, a duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or any pound maintained by or under contract or agreement with any county, city, town or village may after five days make available for adoption or have humanely destroyed in accordance with the provisions of this section [and subject to subdivisions six, eight and nine of section one hundred eighteen of this chapter], any animal of which possession is taken as provided for in the preceding section, unless the same is earlier redeemed by its owner; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, UPON AN EXAMINATION AND FINDING BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN THAT A CAT IS HEALTHY AND SUCH CAT DOES NOT HAVE A COLLAR, TAGS OR MICROCHIP THAT IDENTIFIES ITS OWNER, SUCH CAT MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AFTER THREE DAYS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed 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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