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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law and the general business law, in relation to the definition of pet dealer

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 400 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 687 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

4. "Pet Dealer" means any person who engages in the sale or offering for sale of more than nine animals per year for profit to the public. Such definition shall include, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, breeders who sell or offer to sell animals[; provided that a breeder who sells or offers to sell directly to the consumer fewer than twenty-five animals per year that are born and raised on the breeder's residential premises shall not be considered a pet dealer as a result of selling or offering to sell such animals]. Such definition shall [further] not include duly incorporated humane societies dedicated to the care of unwanted animals which make such animals available for adoption whether or not a fee for such adoption is charged.

S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 752 of the general business law, as amended by chapter 687 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

3. [For purposes of section seven hundred fifty-three of this article, a] A "pet dealer" shall mean any person who, in the ordinary course of business, engages in the sale or offering for sale of more than nine animals per year for profit to the public. Such definition shall include, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, breeders of animals who sell or offer

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

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for sale animals directly to a consumer but it shall not include duly incorporated humane societies dedicated to the care of unwanted animals which make such animals available for adoption whether or not a fee for such adoption is charged. [For purposes of sections seven hundred fifty-three-a, seven hundred fifty-three-b, seven hundred fifty-three-c, seven hundred fifty-three-d and seven hundred fifty-three-e of this article, "pet dealer" shall mean any person who engages in the sale or offering for sale of more than nine animals per year for profit to the public. Such definition shall include breeders who sell animals; provided that a breeder who sells or offers to sell directly to the consumer fewer than twenty-five animals per year that are born and raised on the breeders residential premises shall not be considered a pet dealer as a result of selling or offering to sell such animals. Such definition shall not include duly incorporated humane societies dedicated to the care of unwanted animals which make such animals available for adoption whether or not a fee for such adoption is charged.]

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.