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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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