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Introduced by M. of A. BLANKENBUSH, BARCLAY, FINCH, BUTLER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CERETTO, HAWLEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to licensing of dogs that are redeemed or adopted from shelters or pounds

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 109 of the agri-  
2     culture and markets law, as amended by section 4 of part T of chapter 59  
3     of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:  
4     (b) Application for a dog license shall be made to the clerk of the  
5     town, city, or county or, in the counties of Nassau and Westchester,  
6     incorporated village in which the dog is harbored or to the village  
7     clerk of those villages in the county of Rockland with a population of  
8     fifteen thousand or more which have elected to accept applications  
9     pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph or to the village clerk of  
10    the village of Newark in the county of Wayne upon the election of the  
11    village of Newark pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.  
12    Provided, however, that in the counties of Nassau and Westchester, the  
13    board of trustees of any incorporated village may by resolution provide  
14    that applications for licenses shall no longer be made to the village  
15    clerk, but to the clerk of the town in which the village is situated.  
16    Provided further, however, that in the county of Rockland, the board of  
17    trustees of any incorporated village with a population of fifteen thou-  
18    sand or more may by resolution provide that application for licenses  
19    shall be made to the village clerk. Provided further, however, that in  
20    the county of Wayne, the board of trustees of the village of Newark may  
21    by resolution provide that application for licenses shall be made to the  
22    village clerk. The governing body of any town or city or, in the coun-  
23    ties of Nassau and Westchester, incorporated village or in the county of  
24    Rockland, those villages with a population of fifteen thousand or more

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

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1 which have so elected to accept applications or in the county of Wayne,  
2 the village of Newark if such village has so elected to accept applica-  
3 tions may, on resolution of such body, authorize that such application  
4 be made to one or more named dog control officers of any such town, city  
5 or village. The issuance of any license by any such officer shall be  
6 under the control and supervision of the clerk. In the case of a seized  
7 dog being redeemed or a dog being otherwise obtained OR ADOPTED from a  
8 county animal shelter or pound, such application may be made to the  
9 county dog control officer in charge of such facility OR TO THE CLERK OF  
10 THE COUNTY IN WHICH SUCH SHELTER OR POUND IS SITUATED. In the case of a  
11 dog being redeemed or a dog being adopted from a shelter or pound estab-  
12 lished, maintained or contracted for, pursuant to section one hundred  
13 fourteen of this article, such application may be made to the manager of  
14 such facility, provided such manager has been authorized by the munici-  
15 pality in which the prospective owner resides to accept such  
16 application, OR TO THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH SUCH SHELTER OR  
17 POUND IS SITUATED. Such authorization shall be requested by the govern-  
18 ing body of the pound or shelter and the granting or denial of such  
19 authorization shall be in the discretion of the municipality in which  
20 the prospective owner resides.

21 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.