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Introduced by M. of A. MAGEE -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to defining
appropriate shelter for dogs restrained outdoors

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 353-b of the agriculture and
2 markets law, as added by chapter 594 of the laws of 2003, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 3. Minimum standards for determining whether shelter is appropriate to
5 a dog's breed, physical condition and the climate shall include:
6 (a) For dogs that are restrained in any manner outdoors, shade by
7 natural or artificial means to protect the dog from direct sunlight at
8 all times when exposure to sunlight is likely to threaten the health of
9 the dog. SUCH SHADE SHALL BE FREELY AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE DOG.
10 THE SOURCE OF THE SHADE SHALL BE LARGE ENOUGH TO CAST A SHADOW SUFFI-
11 CIENT TO SHADE THE DOG'S ENTIRE BODY. IF MULTIPLE DOGS ARE RESTRAINED IN
12 A COMMON AREA, THE SOURCE OF THE SHADE SHALL BE LARGE ENOUGH TO CAST A
13 SHADOW SUFFICIENT TO SHADE THE BODIES OF ALL DOGS OCCUPYING THE AREA.
14 (b) For all dogs that are left outdoors in inclement weather, a hous-
15 ing facility, which must: (1) have: (A) a waterproof roof WHICH COVERS
16 ALL OF THE HOUSING FACILITY OR AN AREA OF THE FACILITY LARGE ENOUGH TO
17 COMPLETELY SHELTER THE DOG; (B) A PREDOMINANT AMOUNT OF THE FLOOR
18 CONSTRUCTED OF A SOLID MATERIAL OR MATERIALS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
19 TO, WOOD, SOLID STONE, CONCRETE OR CARPET OVER WOOD, CONCRETE OR SOLID
20 STONE, BUT EXCLUDING SECTIONS OF METAL CAGES, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL, AT A
21 MINIMUM, BE OF AN AREA EQUAL TO THE AREA OCCUPIED BY THE DOG WHEN IT IS
22 LYING DOWN WITH ITS LIMBS FULLY EXTENDED; AND (C) FOUR ENCLOSED SIDES,
23 ONE OF WHICH INCLUDES AN APPROPRIATELY-SIZED ENTRANCE WITH A CORRESPOND-
24 INGLY-SIZED FLAP TO SERVE AS A DOOR; (2) be structurally sound with
25 insulation appropriate to local climatic conditions and sufficient to

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

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1 protect the dog from inclement weather; (3) be constructed to allow each
2 dog adequate freedom of movement to FREELY make normal postural adjust-
3 ments, including the ability to stand up, turn around and lie down with
4 its limbs outstretched; [and] (4) allow for effective removal of excre-
5 tions, other waste material; dirt and trash; (5) BE OF AN APPROPRIATE
6 SIZE IN PROPORTION TO THE SIZE OF THE DOG AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE
7 DOG'S PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PERMIT THE BUILD-UP WITHIN THE HOUSING
8 FACILITY OF THE DOG'S RADIANT BODY HEAT IN COLD WEATHER; AND (6) BE
9 FREELY AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE DOG. The housing facility and the
10 area immediately surrounding it shall be regularly cleaned to maintain a
11 healthy and sanitary environment and to minimize health hazards. IF
12 MULTIPLE DOGS ARE RESTRAINED IN A COMMON AREA, A SEPARATE HOUSING FACIL-
13 ITY SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH DOG OR A SINGLE HOUSING FACILITY LARGE
14 ENOUGH TO SHELTER ALL OF THE DOGS SIMULTANEOUSLY SHALL BE PROVIDED.

15 S 2. Subdivision 6 of section 353-b of the agriculture and markets law
16 is renumbered subdivision 7 and a new subdivision 6 is added to read as
17 follows:

18 6. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A DOG SHALL
19 NOT BE LEFT OUTDOORS IF THE SHELTER DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF
20 THIS SECTION IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT THE DOG FROM IMMINENT DANGER
21 OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY DUE TO EXTREME TEMPERATURES, GIVEN
22 THE DOG'S PHYSICAL CONDITION, WITHOUT READY ACCESS TO, AND THE ABILITY
23 TO ENTER A BUILDING INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A RESIDENTIAL HOUSE,
24 APARTMENT BUILDING, OFFICE BUILDING OR OTHER PLACE OF BUSINESS OF ITS
25 OWNER OR OF THE PERSON WHO HAS CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE DOG.

26 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.