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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to penal-
ties for aggravated cruelty to animals

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 353-a of the agriculture and
2 markets law, as added by chapter 118 of the laws of 1999, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 1. A person is guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals when, with no
5 justifiable purpose, he or she intentionally kills or intentionally
6 causes serious physical injury to [a companion] AN animal with aggra-
7 vated cruelty. For purposes of this section, "aggravated cruelty" shall
8 mean conduct which: (i) is intended to cause extreme physical pain; or
9 (ii) is done or carried out in an especially depraved or sadistic
10 manner.
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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