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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities -- recommitted to the Committee on Cities in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the removal of raccoons

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

1     Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended  
2     by adding a new section 17-198-a to read as follows:  
3     S 17-198-A RACCOON REMOVAL. A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THE PROMPT  
4     REMOVAL OF ANY RACCOON FROM ANY OUTDOOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY UPON  
5     RECEIVING NOTICE FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT A RACCOON OR RACCOONS  
6     HAVE CREATED A NUISANCE AT SUCH PROPERTY.  
7     B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE THE HUMANE RELEASE OF RACCOONS WITH  
8     THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, PROVIDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
9     DEEMS THE RELEASE POSES NO THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY, IN ACCORD-  
10    ANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPART-  
11    MENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO ESTABLISH A  
12    PROGRAM TO SPAY OR NEUTER ALL RACCOONS CAPTURED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
13    PRIOR TO THEIR HUMANE RELEASE.  
14    C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO  
15    IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.  
16    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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