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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KLEIN, MARCHIONE -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to author-  
izing the trapping, neutering or spaying, and releasing of feral cats

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 350 of the agriculture and markets law is amended  
2 by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

3 6. "Feral cat" means a domesticated cat (*Felis catus*) that was former-  
4 ly owned, that has been abandoned and is no longer socialized, and any  
5 offspring of such cat.

6 § 2. The opening paragraph of section 355 of the agriculture and  
7 markets law is designated subdivision 1 and a new subdivision 2 is added  
8 to read as follows:

9 2. The provisions of subdivision one of this section shall not apply  
10 to any person or entity who abandons a feral cat or cats after having  
11 trapped and spayed or neutered such cat or cats.

12 § 3. The opening paragraph of subdivision 5 of section 374 of the  
13 agriculture and markets law is designated paragraph a and a new para-  
14 graph b is added to read as follows:

15 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision,  
16 no provision of law shall prohibit any person from releasing any feral  
17 cat which has been trapped and spayed or neutered.

18 § 4. 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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