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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GLICK, L. ROSENTHAL, LUPARDO, COOK, VANEL, JEAN-PIERRE, JAFFEE, ZEBROWSKI, MOSLEY, ABBATE, SEAWRIGHT, M. G. MILLER, RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to requiring the court to consider the best interest of a companion animal when awarding possession in a divorce or separation proceeding

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 14 of paragraph d of subdivision 5 of part B  
2 of section 236 of the domestic relations law, as renumbered by chapter  
3 229 of the laws of 2009, is renumbered subparagraph 15 and a new subparagraph 14 is added to read as follows:

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5 (14) in awarding the possession of a companion animal, the court shall  
6 consider the best interest of such animal. "Companion animal," as used  
7 in this subparagraph, shall have the same meaning as in subdivision five  
8 of section three hundred fifty of the agriculture and markets law;

9 § 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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