STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

December 18, 2019

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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to restricting individuals from owning a companion animal after being convicted of certain crimes involving animals

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

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 353-g to read as follows:

§ 353-g. Restrictions on companion animal ownership. 1. A person convicted of violating section three hundred fifty-one, three hundred fifty-three, or three hundred fifty-three-a of this article shall be prohibited from owning, harboring, possessing, adopting, fostering or exercising control over a companion animal for a period of time to be set at the discretion of the court. Such time period shall not be less than five years after such conviction or if applicable, not less than five years after the convicted person's release from imprisonment, whichever is longer.

2. For the purposes of this section "companion animal" shall have the same meaning as subdivision five of section three hundred fifty of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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