

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

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

3 § 353-g. Restrictions on companion animal ownership. 1. A person  
4 convicted of violating section three hundred fifty-one, three hundred  
5 fifty-three, or three hundred fifty-three-a of this article shall be  
6 prohibited from owning, harboring, possessing, adopting, fostering or  
7 exercising control over a companion animal for a period of time to be  
8 set at the discretion of the court. Such time period shall not be less  
9 than five years after such conviction or if applicable, not less than  
10 five years after the convicted person's release from imprisonment,  
11 whichever is longer.

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

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

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

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