STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 6, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. BRABENEC, COLTON, FERNANDEZ, FINCH, JOHNS, MANKTELOW, MONTESANO, SCHMITT, TAGUE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the animal abuse hotline

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 63-e to read as follows:

§ 63-e. Animal abuse hotline. 1. The attorney general shall establish a twenty-four hour animal abuse hotline. The hotline shall be a toll-free number. The attorney general may designate a non-governmental organization specializing in animal protection to administer the hotline established pursuant to the section. The attorney general shall take reasonable efforts to inform the public of the availability of the hotline.

2. When any allegation that could reasonably constitute a reportable incident is received by the hotline, the hotline shall accept and immediately transmit notice of the report orally and electronically to any appropriate state agencies, local law enforcement agency or non-governmental organization specializing in animal protection.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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