

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BRABENEC, COLTON, FERNANDEZ, FINCH, JOHNS, MANK-
TELOW, 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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

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

3 § 63-e. Animal abuse hotline. 1. The attorney general shall establish
4 a twenty-four hour animal abuse hotline. The hotline shall be a toll-
5 free number. The attorney general may designate a non-governmental
6 organization specializing in animal protection to administer the hotline
7 established pursuant to the section. The attorney general shall take
8 reasonable efforts to inform the public of the availability of the
9 hotline.

10 2. When any allegation that could reasonably constitute a reportable
11 incident is received by the hotline, the hotline shall accept and imme-
12 diately transmit notice of the report orally and electronically to any
13 appropriate state agencies, local law enforcement agency or non-govern-
14 mental organization specializing in animal protection.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
16 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
17 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
18 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
19 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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