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Introduced by Sens. KRUEGER, ADDABBO, BAILEY, HOYLMAN, MARTINEZ, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Domestic Animal Welfare

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to nonambulatory animals

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

1 Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new
2 section 357-a to read as follows:

3 § 357-a. Nonambulatory animals. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of
4 this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

5 (a) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, associ-
6 ation, municipality, or other legal entity;

7 (b) "Nonambulatory animal" means any domestic sheep, cattle or swine
8 that is raised for commercial or subsistence purposes and that is unable
9 to stand and walk without assistance;

10 (c) "Humanely euthanize" means to kill an animal by a single blow of a
11 penetrating captive bolt or gun shot, or by chemical means, restricted
12 to the use of pentobarbital solution in an overdose concentration, that
13 immediately renders the animal unconscious, with complete unconscious-
14 ness remaining until death;

15 (d) "Undue delay" means any delay beyond that which is reasonably
16 necessary to carry out prompt, humane euthanasia or to administer
17 prompt, appropriate and necessary veterinary treatment, or to carry out
18 prompt, humane handling and transport of the nonambulatory animal pursu-
19 ant to this subdivision and subdivision three of this section;

20 (e) "Humane handling" means that a nonambulatory animal shall only be
21 moved with a sling, stoneboat, or on other sled-like or wheeled convey-
22 ances. In no event shall a nonambulatory animal be dragged, pushed with
23 a tractor, forklift, or other equipment, lifted, unless with full body
24 support, or otherwise moved inhumanely.

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

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1 (f) "Veterinary treatment" means that a licensed veterinarian shall
2 determine whether a nonambulatory animal requires medical attention or
3 rehabilitation, or humane euthanasia.

4 2. No person shall transport or hold, except as provided in subdivi-
5 sion three of this section, buy, sell, give, receive, or market a nonam-
6 bulatory animal.

7 3. (a) A nonambulatory animal may be transported, provided such trans-
8 port is in compliance with paragraph (e) of subdivision one of this
9 section, where the animal becomes nonambulatory on the property of a
10 farmer who has bred or raised the animal, without undue delay from the
11 time the animal becomes nonambulatory, to another location on that same
12 property, solely for the purpose of administering to the animal appro-
13 priate and necessary veterinary treatment.

14 (b) A nonambulatory animal may be held on the property of a farmer who
15 has bred or raised the animal for a brief period of time which is
16 reasonably necessary to obtain veterinary treatment of the nonambulatory
17 animal pursuant to this subdivision. Such veterinary treatment shall be
18 administered without undue delay from the time the animal becomes nonam-
19 bulatory.

20 4. Under no circumstances shall a nonambulatory animal be transported
21 or held for any purpose other than that permitted in this section.

22 5. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
23 guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment of not more than one
24 year, or by a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars,
25 or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day on which a violation of
26 this section occurs and each instance of a prohibited action under this
27 section shall constitute a separate offense.

28 6. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry
29 out the provisions of this section.

30 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
31 it shall have become a law.