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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- (at request of the Department of Agriculture and Markets) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to animal response teams

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

Section 1. The article heading of article 26-B of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 182 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

[~~ANIMAL~~] **EMERGENCY** RESPONSE [~~TEAMS~~] **SERVICES FOR ANIMALS**

§ 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 411 to read as follows:

§ 411. Agreements with animal welfare organizations for assistance in emergencies and disasters. The commissioner is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with animal welfare organizations at no direct cost to the state to support the prevention of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from emergencies and disasters affecting animals in New York state.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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