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Introduced by M. of A. BARNWELL, COOK, CRUZ, EPSTEIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BYRNE, GLICK, OTIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to limiting licensing to only pet dealers which sell animals obtained from shelters and rescue organizations

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

Section 1. Section 403 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. No pet dealer shall display, sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away, broker or otherwise transfer or dispose of an animal unless it is obtained from:

(a) an animal shelter;

(b) a private, nonprofit humane society or nonprofit animal rescue organization; or

(c) an animal shelter, nonprofit humane society or nonprofit animal rescue organization that operates out of or in connection with a pet dealer.

Nothing shall prevent a pet dealer from providing space and appropriate care for animals owned by an animal shelter, nonprofit humane society or nonprofit animal rescue agency and maintained by a pet dealer for the purpose of adopting those animals to the public.

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

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

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