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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture -- recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to strengthening enforcement efforts of the state's anti-slaughter of race horses and race horse breeding stock law

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

Section 1. Section 382 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9. All corporations, associations, or other entities offering for sale or purchase, thoroughbred or standardbred horses, including livestock auction houses must have signage conspicuously posted, which shall reference that it is illegal to sell or transfer a thoroughbred or standardbred race horse or breeding stock for the purposes of slaughter and explicitly state the penalties associated with the violation of this section. Such signage shall also reference that it is illegal to sell or transfer a horse to be slaughtered for the purpose of human or animal consumption and explicitly state the penalties associated with the violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this article. Such signage shall occur no later than ninety days after the effective date of this subdivision.

§ 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 386 to read as follows:

§ 386. Requirements for live auctions. The department shall make a good faith effort to have an agent present at each livestock auction where horses are being sold. Such agent shall be charged with the review of all health certificates for all thoroughbred and standardbred horses sold.

§ 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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