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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- 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 a disclosure form for the surrender of a dog

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

Section 1. Section 117 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. (a) Every pound, shelter, incorporated humane society or similar incorporated dog protective association, shall develop a form to be used upon the surrender of a dog by its owner to such entity. Such form shall request the following information from such owner:

(i) the reason or reasons for surrendering the dog;

(ii) whether the dog has been declared to be a dangerous dog; whether such dog has ever exhibited aggressive tendencies;

(iii) whether the dog has ever bitten any person; and

(iv) any other information with regard to the dog which the owner feels may be relevant to the future placement of the dog.

(b) The pound, shelter, incorporated humane society or similar incorporated dog protective association which accepts dogs surrendered by its owner to be sheltered and adopted out shall maintain the form and shall disclose it to any prospective adoptive owner or any other person who may shelter or harbor the dog for any period of time after its surrender.

§ 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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