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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MURRAY, MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to providing for the care of retired law enforcement dogs

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 844 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 844. Care for retired law enforcement dogs. 1. Definitions. For the  
4 purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following  
5 meanings:

6 (a) "Retired law enforcement dog" shall mean a dog that was previously  
7 in the service of or utilized by a law enforcement agency or a correc-  
8 tional agency in this state for the principal purpose of aiding in the  
9 detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws, or apprehension of  
10 offenders and that received certification issued by the division or by  
11 the division of state police attesting to the satisfactory completion of  
12 a police canine training program.

13 (b) "Law enforcement agency" shall mean any agency or department of  
14 any municipality, any police district, or any agency, department,  
15 commission, authority or public benefit corporation of the state employ-  
16 ing a police officer or police officers as that term is defined in  
17 subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law.

18 (c) "Correctional agency" shall mean any place operated by the state,  
19 county or city of New York having primary responsibility for the super-  
20 vision, protection, care, custody, control, or investigation of incar-  
21 cerated individuals of the state employing police officers as defined in

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

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1 paragraph (b) of subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal  
2 procedure law or peace officers as that term is defined in subdivision  
3 twenty-five of section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law.

4 (d) "Veterinary care" shall mean the practice, by a veterinarian, of  
5 veterinary medicine as defined in article one hundred thirty-five of the  
6 education law. The term shall also include but not be limited to annual  
7 wellness examinations, vaccinations, internal and external parasite  
8 prevention treatments, testing and treatment of illnesses and diseases,  
9 medications, emergency care and surgeries, physical therapy, veterinary  
10 oncology or other specialty care, euthanasia, and cremation.

11 2. The division shall establish a program for the care of retired law  
12 enforcement dogs and shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate  
13 such program.

14 3. The program shall cover the cost of veterinary care for retired law  
15 enforcement dogs for the remainder of the lifetime of such dogs.

16 4. In order to be eligible for the program, the handler or adopter of  
17 the retired law enforcement dog shall provide proof that the dog was in  
18 service as a law enforcement dog for at least:

19 (a) five years; or

20 (b) was taken out of service due to an injury to the dog; or

21 (c) was taken out of service due to the dog being trained in THC  
22 detection.

23 5. A handler or adopter of an eligible law enforcement dog shall be  
24 entitled to be reimbursed for the cost of veterinary care upon  
25 submission of a valid invoice from a veterinarian.

26 § 2. The program established by section 844 of the executive law, as  
27 added by section one of this act shall be subject to an appropriation to  
28 the division of criminal justice services out of any moneys in the state  
29 treasury in the general fund.

30 § 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2025.