STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 15, 2023

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- 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 including use of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument as an aggravated cruelty offense

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 353-a of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 118 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1. A person is guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals when, with no justifiable purpose, he or she**:**

(a) intentionally kills or intentionally causes serious physical injury to a companion animal with aggravated cruelty**; or**

(b) with intent to kill or cause serious physical injury to a companion animal with aggravated cruelty, causes physical injury to a companion animal by means of a deadly weapon as defined in subdivision twelve of section 10.00 of the penal law, or by means of a dangerous instrument as defined in subdivision thirteen of section 10.00 of the penal law.

For purposes of this section, "aggravated cruelty" shall mean conduct which: (i) is intended to cause extreme physical pain; or (ii) is done or carried out in an especially depraved or sadistic manner.

§ 2. 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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