STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 16, 2024

Introduced by Sen. THOMAS -- 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 microchipping of certain animals

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

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 386 to read as follows:

§ 386. Microchipping of certain animals. Any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, duly incorporated humane society, duly incorporated animal protective association or other duly incorporated animal adoption or animal rescue organization dedicated to the care of unwanted animals which makes such animals available for adoption whether or not a fee for such adoption is charged that is exempt from taxes pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of section 501 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501, or any subsequent corresponding sections of the federal Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, that is registered with the department shall implant or cause to be implanted a microchip in any dog or cat in the possession of such organization unless such animal is determined to have an existing microchip. The information associated with each implanted or existing microchip shall be updated to identify the organization with last possession of the animal as well as any person to whom possession is transferred through adoption from such organization.

§ 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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