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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 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, amended on second report, ordered to a third reading, and to be reprinted as amended, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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 or municipal shelter 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 may 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. Such organizations shall make best efforts to update the contact information associated with each implanted or existing microchip, this includes: (a) identifying the organization last having possession of the animal, (b) any person to whom possession is transferred through adoption from such organization, and (c) for lost and found animals the most accurate and updated information of the current owner.

§ 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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