STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting online pet dealers from leasing and financing the sale or adoption of an animal

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 753-g to read as follows:

§ 753-g. Prohibition of leasing or financing the sale or adoption of an animal. 1. An online pet retailer shall not offer, broker, make a referral for, or otherwise facilitate a loan or other financing option for the adoption or sale of a dog, cat or rabbit.

2. For the purposes of this section, "online pet retailer" means a person engaged in the business of selling dogs, cats or rabbits, at retail, online through an internet website.

3. This section shall not apply to a loan or other financing option for the purchase of a service animal.

§ 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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