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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to appropriate shelter for dogs

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 353-b of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 594 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For all dogs that are left outdoors in inclement weather, a housing facility, which must: (1) have a waterproof roof; (2) be structurally sound with insulation appropriate to local climatic conditions and sufficient to protect the dog from inclement weather **while promoting the retention of body heat**; (3) be constructed to allow each dog adequate freedom of movement to make normal postural adjustments, including the ability to stand up, turn around and lie down with its limbs outstretched; [~~and~~] (4) allow for effective removal of excretions, other waste material; dirt and trash**; and (5) during the months of November through March, provide a windbreak at the entrance**. The housing facility and the area immediately surrounding it shall be regularly cleaned to maintain a healthy and sanitary environment and to minimize health hazards.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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