STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 14, 2023

Introduced by Sen. MANNION -- 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 requiring cats and dogs who are neutered or spayed by a veterinarian to be held for twenty-four hours after the procedure to monitor for adverse effects and to undergo a follow-up exam

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Bella's law".

§ 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 377-b to read as follows:

§ 377-b. Spaying and neutering of dogs and cats by veterinarians. Each time a veterinarian spays or neuters a dog or cat pursuant to section one hundred seventeen-a of this chapter or section three hundred seventy-seven-a of this article, as authorized through a local law, rule, regulation or ordinance pursuant to section four hundred seven of this chapter or section seven hundred fifty-three-d of the general business law or for any other reason, such dog or cat shall remain in such veterinarian's custody or possession for twenty-four hours to be monitored for adverse effects related to the spaying or neutering procedure. Additionally, every dog and cat that is spayed or neutered by a veterinarian shall receive an examination by a duly licensed veterinarian within twenty-four hours of such procedure.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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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