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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, BENEDETTO, DINOWITZ, LEVENBERG, STECK
-- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COLTON, GLICK -- read once and
referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to prohibiting tail docking of cattle

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

1 Section 1. The section heading and subdivision 1 of section 368 of the
2 agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 1047 of the laws of
3 1965, are amended to read as follows:
4 Operating upon tails of horses and cattle unlawful. 1. Any person who
5 cuts the bone, tissues, muscles or tendons of the tail of any horse,
6 mare [~~or~~], gelding[~~r~~] or cattle, or otherwise operates upon it in any
7 manner for the purpose or with the effect of docking, setting, or other-
8 wise altering the natural carriage of the tail, or who knowingly permits
9 the same to be done upon premises of which [~~he~~] such person is the
10 owner, lessee, proprietor or user, or who assists in or is voluntarily
11 present at such cutting, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by
12 imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than
13 five hundred dollars or by both. If a horse or a cow is found with the
14 bone, tissues, muscles or tendons of its tail cut as aforesaid and with
15 the wound resulting therefrom unhealed, upon the premises or in the
16 charge and custody of any person, such fact shall be prima facie
17 evidence of a violation of this section by the owner or user of such
18 premises or the person having such charge or custody, respectively.
19 § 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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