STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 12, 2026

Introduced by Sen. OBERACKER -- 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 the completion of animal cruelty prevention workshops by certain persons

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 387 to read as follows:

§ 387. Animal cruelty prevention workshops required. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "farm operation" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by section three hundred one of this chapter.

2. Any person who purchases, acquires or initiates a farm operation on which horses and/or cows are kept shall complete a series of animal cruelty prevention workshops in a form and manner as prescribed by the department in regulation. Such workshops shall include, but not be limited to, instruction on the following:

(a) the applicable provisions of this article governing animal cruelty and related animal cruelty laws in the state;

(b) animal husbandry, including signs of abuse and neglect; and

(c) the role of law enforcement, veterinarians, and the public in preventing animal cruelty and reporting such cruelty to proper authorities.

3. The department shall (a) issue a certification of completion to any person who has successfully completed the animal cruelty prevention workshops pursuant to subdivision two of this section and (b) establish and charge fees in connection with such workshops.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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