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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MURRAY -- 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 commissioner of agriculture and markets to establish licensing and educational standards for individuals providing canine training for non-service and non-police dogs

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 113-a to read as follows:

§ 113-a. Obedience training. 1. The commissioner shall by rule or regulation establish licensing and educational standards for individuals providing basic obedience courses to non-service and non-police dogs and their owners consisting of standards that utilize non-aversive, evidence-based, and positive reinforcement techniques.

2. This section shall not apply to any dog that falls under subdivision nine, eighteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-six or twenty-seven of section one hundred eight of this article.

3. No person who is convicted of a violation of section three hundred fifty-one, three hundred fifty-three, three hundred fifty-three-a or three hundred fifty-five of article twenty-six of this chapter may be licensed to provide obedience training services under this section.

4. Licensees under this section are to maintain practices and facilities in accordance with animal control provisions under articles seven, twenty-five-b and twenty-six of this chapter and are subject to the enforcement of such provisions, by any constable, police officer, peace officer, dog control officer, animal control officer, or any officer or agent of any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals as authorized under this chapter.

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

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5. Any individual who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to penalties as set forth in section thirty-nine of this chapter.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.