STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 9, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to sentencing for the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals

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 "Tucker's law".

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 353-a of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 118 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3. Aggravated cruelty to animals is a felony. A defendant convicted of this offense shall be sentenced pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 55.10 of the penal law [~~provided, however, that any term of imprisonment imposed for violation of this section shall be a definite sentence, which may not exceed two years~~].

§ 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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