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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, GALLAGHER, LEVENBERG, ROSENTHAL, MAMDA-NI, BORES, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting the production, sale and use of adhesive-based animal traps

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section  
2 399-tt to read as follows:

3 § 399-tt. Adhesive-based animal traps; prohibition. 1. For the  
4 purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following  
5 meanings:

6 (a) "Adhesive-based animal trap" shall mean any device that is  
7 designed or is capable of being used to capture an animal the size of a  
8 rodent or larger, by means of an adhesive substance, including devices  
9 commonly known as glue traps, glue boards, and any similar trap.

10 (b) "Distributor" shall mean any person who delivers to a person other  
11 than a purchaser, for the purpose of retail sale.

12 (c) "Exterminator" shall mean a person or entity that is licensed,  
13 certified, permitted or otherwise authorized under the laws of this  
14 state to provide rodent and pest control services and any employee or  
15 agent thereof engaging in the provision of such services.

16 (d) "Insect trap" shall mean any device that is designed to capture  
17 insects by means of an adhesive substance.

18 (e) "Manufacturer" shall mean any person, firm, association, partner-  
19 ship, limited liability company, or corporation that produces, prepares,  
20 formulates, or compounds an adhesive-based animal trap as defined in  
21 this subdivision. In the case of an adhesive-based animal trap imported  
22 into the United States, "manufacturer" shall mean the importer or first  
23 domestic distributor of such product if the entity that manufactures the

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

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1 product or whose brand name is affixed to the product does not have a  
2 presence in the United States.

3 (f) "Person" shall mean a natural person, firm, corporation, limited  
4 liability company, association, or an employee or agent of a natural  
5 person or an entity included in this definition.

6 (g) "Retailer" shall mean any person or entity who offers adhesive-  
7 based animal traps for sale for use or consumption by persons in this  
8 state, including any such person or entity that sells adhesive-based  
9 animal traps through catalogs, mail, the telephone, the internet, or any  
10 electronic means.

11 (h) "Sell" or "sale" shall mean any transfer for consideration of  
12 title or the right to use, from a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer  
13 to a person, including, but not limited to, transactions conducted  
14 through retail sales outlets, catalogs, mail, the telephone, the inter-  
15 net, or any electronic means.

16 2. Beginning on the effective date of this section and thereafter:

17 (a) No adhesive-based animal traps shall be shipped into this state.  
18 Such prohibition shall apply to all shipments of adhesive-based animal  
19 traps into New York state and includes importation or distribution for  
20 commercial purposes, for personal use, or otherwise, and irrespective of  
21 whether such adhesive-based animal traps were purchased within or with-  
22 out the state.

23 (b) No manufacturer, distributor, retailer, common carrier, or other  
24 person shall bring or carry into the state any adhesive-based animal  
25 trap, nor shall any manufacturer, distributor, retailer, common carrier,  
26 or any other person accept for delivery, deliver or transport any adhe-  
27 sive-based animal trap to any distributor, retailer, or any other person  
28 located within this state.

29 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision shall apply to any  
30 adhesive-based animal trap, either in the original package or otherwise,  
31 whether intended for commercial or personal use, as well as otherwise,  
32 and to foreign, interstate, as well as intrastate, shipments or  
33 carriage, irrespective of whether such adhesive-based animal trap was  
34 purchased within or without the state.

35 (d) No manufacturer or distributor shall sell, offer for sale, or  
36 deliver to a retailer for subsequent sale an adhesive-based animal trap,  
37 nor shall any retailer or exterminator purchase, accept, obtain or  
38 otherwise acquire any such adhesive-based animal trap on or after the  
39 effective date of this section.

40 3. Beginning one year after the effective date of this section and  
41 thereafter:

42 (a) No person or entity, or any agent or employee thereof, shall sell  
43 or offer for sale, hold for sale or distribute to another person any  
44 adhesive-based animal trap as defined in subdivision one of this  
45 section, nor shall any person or entity, or any agent or employee there-  
46 of purchase, acquire, or possess any such adhesive-based animal trap for  
47 commercial or personal use.

48 (b) No person or entity, or any agent or employee thereof shall set,  
49 place, or otherwise use any such adhesive-based animal trap or permit  
50 another person to set, place or use any such adhesive-based animal trap  
51 to capture or destroy a rat, mouse or other animal.

52 (c) No person or entity, or any agent or employee thereof, shall set,  
53 place, or otherwise use insect traps in an outdoor environment, in which  
54 such devices are capable of capturing birds or other similarly-sized  
55 animals.

56 (d) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section:

1 (i) Nothing in this section shall restrict the sale, distribution, or  
2 use of insect traps, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subdi-  
3 vision.

4 (ii) A retailer having in its possession any adhesive-based animal  
5 traps purchased or acquired by such retailer prior to the effective date  
6 of this section shall be authorized to sell such adhesive-based animal  
7 traps for one year after the effective date of this section; and

8 (iii) An exterminator having in its possession any adhesive-based  
9 animal traps purchased or acquired by such exterminator prior to the  
10 effective date of this section shall be authorized to set or place such  
11 adhesive-based animal traps for one year after the effective date of  
12 this section.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
14 have become a law.