

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- 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 the penalty for the abandonment of animals

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 355 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended  
2 by chapter 458 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:  
3 § 355. Abandonment of animals. A person being the owner or possessor,  
4 or having charge or custody of an animal, who abandons such animal, or  
5 leaves it to die in a street, road or public place, or who allows such  
6 animal, if it become disabled, to lie in a public street, road or public  
7 place more than three hours after [~~he~~] such person receives notice that  
8 it is left disabled, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprison-  
9 ment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not less than five  
10 hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or by both.  
11 § 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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