



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 9508



Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5386 File No. 553 Cal. No. 335

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF DOGS,
CATS AND RABBITS AT PET SHOPS THAT ARE NOT FROM
ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) For the purposes of
4 this section, "therapy dog" means any dog that is in the process of
5 being trained or that is trained and being used to aid the emotional
6 and physical health of patients in hospitals, nursing homes or
7 retirement homes. "Therapy dog" does not include any dog that
8 qualifies as a service dog under federal law or any provision of the
9 general statutes.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture may establish an identification
11 tag program for therapy dogs. In the event that the Commissioner of
12 Agriculture does not establish an identification tag program for
13 therapy dogs on or before October 1, 2020, any municipality may
14 establish such a program.

15 (c) No person shall knowingly affix an identification tag to his or her
16 dog that falsely identifies such dog as a therapy dog."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section