General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 9565

Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7297 File No. 619 Cal. No. 373

"AN ACT CONCERNING QUARANTINE AND DISPOSAL ORDERS OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS."

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

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

(b) The Commissioner of Agriculture may establish an identification tag program for therapy dogs. In the event that the Commissioner of Agriculture does not establish an identification tag program for therapy dogs on or before October 1, 2020, any municipality may establish such a program."
(c) No person shall knowingly affix an identification tag to his or her 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 | October 1, 2019 | New section |