



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

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."**

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