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

1 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 animal" means any animal that is trained and being used to aid the emotional and physical health of patients in hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, schools, campuses, libraries or community centers.

(b) The Commissioner of Agriculture, in cooperation with other relevant state agencies and stakeholders shall identify, and develop as necessary, guidance for therapy dogs, their handlers and facilities using such dogs, including, but not limited to, assessment and training, risk management, animal welfare and best practices for such dogs and their dog handlers. Such guidance shall be made available on the Department of Agriculture's Internet web site and provided to municipalities that issue special tags for therapy dogs."
(c) The Commissioner of Agriculture may establish an identification tape program for therapy dogs."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Sec. 501 | October 1, 2019 | New section |