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Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of the first sentence (page 1, lines 17 to 20 in amendment) and inserting the following: 'That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall convene a working group to evaluate the regulation of dog and cat breeding facilities in the State and recommend any changes necessary to ensure the humane treatment of animals and effective enforcement of state laws.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 33 to 35 and page 2, lines 1 to 6 in amendment) and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 2 Duties. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, in consultation with the working group under section 1, shall:

1. Review statutory and regulatory provisions pertaining to the breeding and sale of dogs and cats;
2. Review the criteria and availability of documentation to determine when a kennel or breeding kennel license is needed; and
3. Examine definitions and provisions in other states and in federal regulations that distinguish between types of facilities requiring licenses and discuss the advisability of making regulatory distinctions based on the number of dogs or cats or other criteria.’

Amend the amendment in section 3 in the 2nd line from the end (page 2, line 13 in amendment) by striking out the following: "definition and regulation of breeding kennels" and inserting the following: 'regulation of breeding facilities and enforcement of the State's animal welfare laws'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the issues to be reviewed by the commissioner and the working group convened by the commissioner for the purpose of ensuring humane treatment of animals.