

Plain Language Summary

CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:

[Int. No. 73-A](#)

INITIAL SPONSORS:

Council Member Johnson

TITLE:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to updating the definition of “pet shop” within the animal abuse registration act.

BILL SUMMARY:

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This bill would change the definition of pet shop in the Animal Abuse Registration Act (AARA) to include pet shops that sell cats and dogs.

The AARA mandates the establishment of an animal abuse registry listing persons 18 or older who reside in New York City that were convicted of animal abuse crimes. It requires pet shops to consult the registry before selling an animal to any prospective purchaser and prohibits the transfer of any animal to a person whose name appears on the registry.

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:

- Amends Administrative Code § 17-1601
- Amends the section heading of §17-1605 in the table of contents of Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the Administrative Code
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EFFECTIVE DATE:

June 1, 2015

NOTE: When reading the full text of the bill online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language that is enclosed by [brackets] is proposed to be removed, and language that is underlined is proposed to be added.