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Int. No. 706

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing penalties for owning or harboring a dangerous dog and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report on dangerous dogs.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a and b of section 17-350 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§17-350 **Violations and penalties.** a. Any person who violates any provision of this subchapter or any of the regulations promulgated hereunder shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine [or] of not less than [five hundred] one thousand nor more than [five thousand] ten thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

b. In addition to the penalties prescribed by subdivision a of this section, any person who violates any

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of the provisions of this subchapter or any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than [five hundred] one thousand nor more than [five thousand] ten thousand dollars.

§2. Subchapter 6 of chapter 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-354.1 to read as follows:

§17-354.1 **Reporting requirement.** Before January 1, 2012, and every year thereafter, the department shall provide the mayor and the city council with a report including, but not limited to, the following information:

a. the number of dangerous dog complaints received by the department during the previous calendar year;

b. the number of dangerous dog complaints that the department investigated during the previous calendar year;

c. an aggregation of the outcomes of the dangerous dog complaints investigated by the department during the previous calendar year;

d. the number of dogs that were classified as dangerous by the commissioner or a court of competent jurisdiction;

e. the number of dog bite complaints received by the department during the previous calendar year;

f. the number of dogs that were found to have rabies;

g. an aggregation of the outcomes of the dog bite complaints investigated by the department during the previous calendar year.

§3. This local law shall take effect ninety days after enactment; provided, however, that the commissioner shall take such actions, including the promulgation of rules, as are necessary for timely implementation of this local law.

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