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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 4

Bill #:AL-29

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4 **An Act To Amend the § 405 law, to add § 405-1 in relation to adding more**
5 **inspector visits to puppy mills.**
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8 *The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*
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10 **Purpose To keep animals in puppy mills as safe and comfortable as**
11 **possible; to prevent inhumane practices in puppy mills.**
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13 **Summary of Provisions**

14 Section 1

15 Dog: Any live dog (canis familiaris)

16 Animal: Any living animal that is held in a puppy mill

17 Regulations: Rules to be followed

18 Puppy Mill: An establishment that breeds puppies for sale, typically on an intensive
19 basis and in conditions regarded as inhumane

20 Extreme Temperatures: Temperatures higher than 90°F or lower than 45°F
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23 **Justification**

24 **Because puppy mills are keeping dogs in tight and hot conditions.**
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26 **Fiscal Implications** Up to State discretion
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28 **Effective Date** One year after passage
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30 § 405. Inspection of pet dealers. 1. The commissioner or his or her
31 authorized agents shall, at a minimum, make ~~yearly~~ inspections of pet
32 dealers' facilities to ensure compliance with the provisions of this
33 article and with the provisions of article thirty-five-D of the general
34 business law, except for those pet dealers who engage in the sale of
35 less than twenty-five animals in a year, in which case inspections shall
36 be made whenever in the discretion of the commissioner or his or her
37 authorized agents, a complaint warrants such investigation.



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38 § 2. The Inspection of pet dealers law is amended by adding a new section § 405-1 to
39 read as follows:

40 § The commissioner or his or her
41 authorized agents shall, at a minimum, make inspections of pet
42 dealers' facilities three times a year to ensure compliance with the provisions of this
43 article and with the provisions of article thirty-five-D of the general
44 business law, except for those pet dealers who engage in the sale of
45 less than twenty-five animals in a year, in which case inspections shall
46 be made whenever in the discretion of the commissioner or his or her
47 authorized agents, a complaint warrants such investigation.

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49 2. The commissioner may, pursuant to an agreement entered into with a
50 county or city delegate the authority to conduct inspections of pet
51 dealers and to respond to complaints concerning pet dealers to such
52 county or city where the pet dealer is located; provided however such
53 delegation of inspection authority shall only be permitted where the
54 commissioner has delegated his or her authority to issue licenses
55 pursuant to section four hundred three of this article.

56 3. Any person conducting an inspection of a pet dealer or responding
57 to a complaint concerning a pet dealer shall be specifically trained in
58 the proper care of cats and dogs and in the investigation and
59 identification of cruelty to animals.

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