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New York State Senator Monica R. Martinez Passes Legislation to Protect Abandoned Animals

(ALBANY, NEW YORK) Today the NYS Senate, in a 60-2 vote, passed bill S3412 which ensures animals found on abandoned or vacated properties are handled by properly trained officers. Through this legislation, those who encounter abandoned animals will have the necessary framework to properly notify animal care and control officers.

“As Chair of Animal Welfare Committee, I’m proud to have sponsored this bill and I thank my colleagues for recognizing the importance of protecting our furry friends. As a consequence of the subprime mortgage crisis and the broader economic downturn, residential properties across New York have been abandoned by owners and renters who have been left in default on their loan or rent. This has led to the abandonment of their four legged family members, that they cannot take with them. This legislation will ensure that such animals are met with the proper care by authorities whom are trained to not only transport them, but care for them after a traumatic experience,” said State Senator Monica R. Martinez.

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