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CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

Companion Animal Capital Fund (CACF)

\$5M in the 2024-2025 state budget. While the budget language for the program appears the same as last year, the reappropriation language has added to it language that changes the minimum and maximum awards for municipalities less than and greater than 2 million population.

What's interesting is that the reappropriation is \$5M, meaning none of last year's funding was spent and needs to be reappropriated in its entirety. Out of curiosity, I'll contact the Dept of Ag and Mkts to ask what may be the purpose of changing the reappropriation language.

LEGISLATION

A.9215 (McDonald)/S.8543 (Gianaris) Civil Remedy for the Protection of Companion Animals

The bill provides for a civil process by which humane law enforcement agencies can implement a non-criminal process to address acts or omissions that result in a companion animal suffering unnecessary psychological or physical injury or pain, or failing to receive food, water, shelter or veterinary or behavioral care necessary to preserve the physical health and mental well-being of an animal. **Status: Assembly Agriculture; Senate Agriculture**

"Authorized agent" means any police officer, or agent or officer of any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals

"Impounding organization" shall mean any municipal pound or shelter, duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or duly incorporated humane society.

§442. Jurisdiction; courts; venue. 1. A special proceeding to ensure proper care or seizure of a companion animal shall be maintained in the supreme court.

A.1196 (Rosenthal)/S.1182 (Harckham) SPCA access to Live Scan Fingerprinting Technology

The bill would give the SPCA officers access to live scan fingerprinting technology. As peace officers, SPCA officers have authority to conduct arrests. Currently the arresting officer hands off the suspect in question to the assisting law enforcement agency that has access to the fingerprinting system In order to complete the arrest. **Status: Assembly Codes; Passed Senate Unanimously 3-4-24.**

SENATE AND ASSEMBLY RETIREMENTS, RUNNING FOR HIGHER OFFICE

ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS

- Fred Thiele (1) - Retiring
- Taylor Darling (18) - NYS Senate Run
- Daniel Rosenthal (27) - Left Office
- Jeffrion Aubry (35) - Retiring
- Helene Weinstein (41) - Retiring
- Daniel O'Donnell (69) - Retiring
- Inez Dickens (70) - Retiring
- Latoya Joyner (77) - Left Office
- Kenneth Zebrowski (96) - Retiring
- Aileen Gunther (100) - Retiring
- Patricia Fahy (109 - NYS Senate Run Breslin Seat)

ASSEMBLY REPUBLICANS

- Marjorie Byrnes (133) - Retiring
- Joseph Giglio (148) - Retiring
- Andrew Goodell (150) - Retiring

SENATE DEMOCRATS

- Kevin Thomas (6) - Congressional Run (Campaign Suspended on 02/29/24)
- Neil Breslin (46) - Retiring
- John Mannion (50) - Congressional Run
- Tim Kennedy (63) - Congressional Run

REPUBLICANS

- None