

ASSEMBLY, No. 2517

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman AZZOLINA

1 AN ACT concerning animal control officers, and amending P.L.1983,
2 c.525.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.525 (C.4:19-15.16a) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 3. a. The Commissioner of Health shall, within 120 days after the
10 effective date of [this amendatory and supplementary act] P.L.1983,
11 c.525 (C.4:19-15.1 et al.), and pursuant to the "Administrative
12 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c. 410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt rules
13 and regulations concerning the training and educational qualifications
14 for the certification of animal control officers including, but not limited
15 to, a course of study approved by the commissioner, which acquaints
16 a person with:

17 (1) The law as it affects animal control and welfare;

18 (2) Animal behavior and the handling of stray or diseased animals;
19 and

20 (3) Community safety as it relates to animal control.

21 The commissioner shall authorize the course of study to include a
22 minimum of 20 hours of classroom training, and a minimum of 40
23 hours of training with an animal control officer, a minimum of a
24 second 40 hours of training with a different animal control officer, 20
25 hours of training with a veterinarian at a veterinary hospital, 20 hours
26 of training with a supervisor at a zoo, and 20 hours of training with a
27 supervisor at an animal shelter. The commissioner shall authorize
28 certified Police Training Commission instructors and certified animal
29 control officers employed by a nonprofit humane society for at least
30 ten years to teach the course of study. The commissioner shall provide
31 that the course of study need not be provided at a college or university
32 and that the successful completion of the training offered by the
33 National Animal Control Association shall qualify an individual for
34 certification as an animal control officer.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

