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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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May 13, 2015  
Start: 10:20 a.m.  
Recess: 10:52 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway- Committee Rm, 16<sup>th</sup> Fl.

B E F O R E:  
COREY D. JOHNSON  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

INEZ D. BARRON  
JAMES G. VAN BRAMER  
MARIA DEL CARMEN ARROYO  
MATHIEU EUGENE  
PETER A. KOO  
RAFAEL L. ESPINAL, JR.  
ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.  
ROSIE MENDEZ

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: Good morning

everyone. Thank you for joining us for today's vote on some pet clean up legislation. My name is Corey Johnson. And I am Chair of the Council's Committee on Health. Today we are considering introductions 761 and 772 both sponsored by Council Member Rowley and myself to make technical changes to local laws five, six, seven, and eight for the year 2015.

These bills provide technical corrections to the pet shop laws we passed in December of last year.

The pet sop [phonetic] pet shop legislation we passed last December regulates the sale of animals in pet shops with the intent of proving, improving the welfare, health and safety of people and companion animals in New York City. Those local laws prohibit pet shops from selling dogs and cats obtained from brokers, require pet shops to spay or neuter any cat or dog before releasing it to the purchaser closes a loop hole and expands the animal abuse registry to cover all pet shop sales in the city and to prohibit a pat, a pet shop from releasing a dog or cat to a purchaser unless the animal is implanted with a microchip for

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2 identification. Taken together the laws we passed  
3 in December enable the city to strengthen the  
4 shelter system, empower customers, decrease the  
5 number of unwanted litters, increase the number of  
6 lost animals returned to their owners and we.. the  
7 nationwide effort to keep bad actors out of the pet  
8 supply chain. Today's bills are primarily aimed at  
9 clarifying these laws. For example one provision  
10 was read by some to require two microchips in cats  
11 and dogs which obviously was not the intent of the  
12 laws that we passed. Before we vote today I'd like  
13 to thank the health committee staff David Seitzer  
14 [sp?] the council to the health committee, Crystal  
15 Pond the policy analyst, Corian Francisco the  
16 finance analyst, and my legislative director Louis  
17 Cholden Brown [sp?], and as always I want to thank  
18 Jeff Campania [sp?] on all things animal related,  
19 there he is over there, for his hard work on this  
20 legislation. And with that I would ask the clerk to  
21 call the roll.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin,  
23 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on  
24 Health. Chair Johnson.

25 CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: By a vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no abstentions items have been adopted.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: We're going to keep the roll open for 15 minutes. And thank you all for being here today.

[background comments]

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Introduction 761 and 772 Committee on Health, Council Member Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

CHAIR: Of course we're going to keep the vote open for another 10 minutes.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council Member Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vote now stands at seven in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Committee on Health. Council Member Espinal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote..

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Committee on Health. Council Member Espinal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vote now currently stands at eight in the affirmative.

[background comments]

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Committee on Health. Council Member Cornegy.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

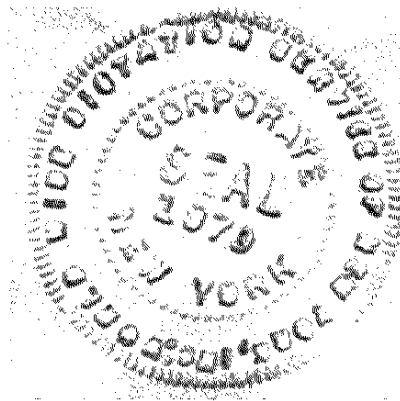
COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Final vote now in Committee on Health is nine in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no abstentions.

COMMITTEE CLERK CORNEGY: The hearing is now adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date May 15, 2015