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The Law of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Animal Protection Law) (Amendment No. 4) 5766-2005*

Addition of Section 2A

1. In the Law of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Animal Protection Law), 5754-1994¹ (hereafter – The Main Law), the following section shall be inserted after Section 2:

"Prohibition of abandonment of an animal"

2A. (a) An owner of an animal, or a person who is in charge of or responsible for an animal (in this law – possessor), shall not abandon the animal.

(b) Should an abandoned animal be found, the burden of proof is on the owner of the animal and its most recent possessor to show that they have not abandoned it."

Amendment of Section 11

2. In Section 11 of The Main Law, all that is stated therein will be marked as "(a)", and the following section will be inserted:

"(b) A nonprofit corporation that sets among its goals the collection and treatment of animals, a local authority or a veterinarian, as defined by the Law of Veterinarians 5751-1991², that keep an abandoned animal, are permitted to redeem the expenses for its maintenance from the owner or the possessor, for a period that does not exceed 60 days."

Amendment of Section 17

3. In Section 17 of The Main Law-

(1) In subsection (b), Section "2A" shall be inserted after "Sections";

(2) The following section shall be inserted after subsection (b)

"(b1) Should an offence take place according to Section 2A, it shall be a defense to the accused if it is proved that he has taken all the possible means to prevent it."

Effectiveness

4. This law is effective 18 months after being published.

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¹ Sefer Ha Hukim 5754, p.56; 5765, p. 725

² Sefer Ha Hukim 5751, p.76.

The Law of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Animal Protection Law) (Amendment No. 5) 5766-2005*

Addition of Section 4A

1. In the Law of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Animal Protection Law), 5754-1994¹, the following section shall be inserted after Section 4:

"The prohibition of refusal or prioritization in the placement of animals"

4A. (a) A nonprofit corporation that sets among its goals the collection, treatment, and placement of animals shall not refuse to place an animal with a person because of the location of his residence, and shall not prioritize the placing of animals in residences of a certain region, given that the corporation is convinced that the person to whom the animal will be given can provide appropriate living conditions for the animal, including veterinary care, should it be required.

(b) A person who claims a violation of the regulation in subsection (a) is permitted to complain to the person in charge, who will examine the complaint and answer the complainant."

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¹Sefer Ha Hukim 5754, p.126.