



**THE LEAGUE
OF
HUMANE VOTERS®
OF NEW YORK**

POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS

WWW.LOHV.ORG

MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR A10399/S8291

**Prohibits the Operation of Establishments where Animals and/or Fowls are
Slaughtered or Butchered for Food**

This legislation will prohibit the operation of establishments where animals and/or fowls are slaughtered for food, commonly referred to as “live animal markets” or “wet markets”. The Commissioner shall not license and will immediately suspend any license to any person, firm, partnership or corporation to operate any place or establishment where animals and/or fowls are slaughtered or butchered for food.

These live animal markets have numerous species living in cramped quarters on any given day. Animals and fowl species are kept together in cramped quarters, cages on top of cages. The animals and fowl are not fed or given water. They are stressed out by the inhumane treatment and the smell of death around them. The suffering continues until they are sold and slaughtered. Blood and animal/fowl parts have been found in the streets of the live animal markets.

Zoonotic diseases already exist in animals. Mixing species together in cramped spaces allows the zoonotic disease to jump from animal to animal and ultimately to humans.

Allowing live animal markets to exist poses a serious health issue to humans, as we are experiencing with COVID-19 and have seen with SARS and H1N1.

THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS BILL.

Sincerely,

Jeffery Termini

League of Humane Voters® of New York State
Legislative Director
(716) 380-7667
jeffery@lohv-ny.org
www.lohv-ny.org

Cc: Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal, Sponsor

Assembly Member Donna Lupardo, Chair, Agriculture Committee

Senator Luis Sepúlveda, Sponsor

Senator Jen Metzger, Chair, Agriculture Committee

Speaker Carl E. Heastie

Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

The Mission of the League of Humane Voters® (LOHV) is to create, unite, and strengthen local political action committees, which work to enact animal-friendly legislation and elect candidates for public office who will use their votes and influence for animal protection.