

Sen. Gianaris Introduces Legislation to Ban For-Profit Pet Sales at Retail Stores

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ALBANY, N.Y. – Senator Michael Gianaris announced legislation which would ban retail pet stores from selling animals for profit, taking aim at the abusive environment fostered by puppy mills.

"With thousands of good animals in need of homes, there is no need for notorious puppy mills to supply pet stores," said **Senator Michael Gianaris.** "Our four-legged companions should

be treated with respect, not like commodities."

Under the proposal, retail pet stores would be permitted to work with rescue agencies to promote cat and dog adoptions but would not be permitted to make a profit in the process. California recently enacted a similar proposal, which is also working to end the practice of high-volume commercial breeding, which has led to the mistreatment of animals and increased shelter populations.

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