



**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT**  
*Ethical treatment of factory produced animals*

**A.8163-Rosenthal**

**An Act** to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the confinement of animals for food producing purposes.

**BACKGROUND**

New York State has a rich farming tradition and is one of the top producing states for milk and other dairy products. While New Yorkers should be proud of their farming tradition, the blight of animal factories haunts New York's family farmers. Corporations and individuals across the country and the world are beginning to search for and demand more products made using more healthful and humane treatment of animals, and in 2008 Californians voted overwhelmingly for a mandate on the ethical treatment of animals produced for food. New York has an opportunity to mandate real farming standards, and reclaim a tradition that has become marred with inhumane factory practices.

**JUSTIFICATION**

Factory produced animals are confined into unreasonably small spaces that limit and restrict their movements, which is unhealthy and inhumane. Pregnant sows (female pigs) are frequently caged and confined in such small spaces they are unable to lay down comfortably, turn around or move about; contributing to injuries, illnesses, and a compromised immune system. Factory produced chickens are unable to nest, confined in great numbers in small cages, and are unable to walk around. This contributes to poor flock health and disease, as well as chicken-on-chicken abuse, which is unhealthy for humans and fowl. Calves raised for veal are restricted to tiny crates and very small areas significantly restricting their ability to move. Factory produced animals should not have suffer this level of restriction and assault on their health to maximize corporate profits at the expense of human and animal health and the environment.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS**

1. Applies to calf raised for veal; egg-laying hens including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, or guinea fowl; and pigs during pregnancy and suckling.
2. Fully extending limbs is defined as fully extending all limbs without touching the side of an enclosure, including, in the case of egg-laying hens, fully spreading both wings without touching the side of an enclosure or other egg-laying hens.
3. Turning around freely is defined as turning in a complete circle without any impediment, including a tether, and without touching the side of an enclosure
4. Will not apply to pigs during the seven days before giving birth
5. Takes effect January 1, 2015

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