AB 554 (Gabriel)

Proposed amendments from organizations representing California businesses engaged in the production, stewardship, conservation and care of animals.

SEC. 2.

Section 10404 of the Corporations Code is amended to read:

10404.

(a) Any such corporation, or humane officer thereof, may proffer a complaint against any person, before any court or magistrate having jurisdiction, for the violation of any law relating to or affecting animals and may aid in the prosecution of the offender before the court or magistrate.

(b) Any such corporation, or humane officer thereof, proffering a complaint under subdivision (a), may bring it as a civil action for specific or injunctive relief, including to enjoin possession, to enforce any law relating to or affecting animals that would be a basis for a complaint under subdivision (a).

Section XXXXX is added to the Corporations Code, to read:

XXXXX.

(a) Any such corporation, or humane officer thereof, may bring a civil action for specific or injunctive relief, including to enjoin possession, to enforce any law relating to or affecting companion animals, as that term is defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 491 of the Penal Code, or animals intended for sale as companion animals.

(b) Nothing in subdivision (a) shall be construed as expanding or diminishing the legal remedies available to such a corporation under section 10404.