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AN ACT to amend the soil and water conservation districts law, in relation to establishing a drain tile revolving loan program

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. The soil and water conservation districts law is amended by
2 adding a new section 4-a to read as follows:
- 3 S 4-A. DRAIN TILE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM. 1. THE SOIL AND WATER
4 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A DRAIN TILE REVOLV-
5 ING LOAN PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LOW INTEREST LOANS TO FARMERS FOR THE
6 PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THEIR FARM FIELDS WITH DRAIN TILE. SUCH PROGRAM
7 SHALL PROVIDE LOW INTEREST LOANS TO FARMERS FOR SUCH DRAIN TILE PROJECTS
8 AS THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEEM TO BE ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO RULE OR REGU-
9 LATION.
- 10 2. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
11 PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING ESTAB-
12 LISHING:
- 13 A. AN APPLICATION PROCESS WHEREBY FARMERS MAY APPLY FOR LOANS;
- 14 B. CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING A FARMER'S ELIGIBILITY FOR A
15 LOAN;
- 16 C. CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING THE PRIORITY TO BE GRANTED
17 AMONG DRAIN TILE PROJECTS;
- 18 D. CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL
19 ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED TO A FARMER FOR A DRAIN TILE PROJECT; AND
- 20 E. CRITERIA AND STANDARDS TO BE USED IN DETERMINING THE LOAN REPAYMENT
21 PERIODS AND THE TERMS OF ANY REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS.
- 22 3. THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE DRAIN TILE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM SHALL
23 BE SUBJECT TO A BUDGETARY APPROPRIATION.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 4. THE COMMITTEE MAY PROVIDE LOW INTEREST LOANS TO FARMERS WITHIN THE
2 AMOUNTS AVAILABLE IN THE DRAIN TILE REVOLVING LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

4 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
5 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that any rules and regu-
6 lations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effec-
7 tive date are authorized to be made on or before such date.