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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the definition of land used in silvopasturing

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 301 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new paragraph m to read as follows:

M. LAND USED IN SILVOPASTURING SHALL BE LIMITED TO UP TO TEN FENCED ACRES PER LARGE LIVESTOCK, INCLUDING CATTLE, HORSES AND CAMELIDS, AND UP TO FIVE FENCED ACRES PER SMALL LIVESTOCK, SUCH AS SHEEP, HOGS, GOATS AND POULTRY. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "SILVOPASTURING" SHALL MEAN THE INTENTIONAL COMBINATION OF TREES, FORAGES AND LIVESTOCK MANAGED AS A SINGLE INTEGRATED PRACTICE FOR THE COLLECTIVE BENEFIT OF EACH, INCLUDING THE PLANTING OF APPROPRIATE GRASSES AND LEGUME FORAGES AMONG TREES FOR SOUND GRAZING AND LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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