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Introduced by Sen. TKACZYK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing a small farm disaster recovery grant program

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

1 Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new
2 section 325-b to read as follows:

3 S 325-B. SMALL FARM DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM. 1. THERE IS HERE-
4 BY ESTABLISHED A SMALL FARM DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM.

5 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO SMALL
6 FARMS THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS.

7 3. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, SMALL FARM SHALL ONLY INCLUDE FARMS
8 THAT SELL PRODUCE AND HAVE ANNUAL SALES OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
9 OR LESS.

10 4. THE OWNER OF ANY SMALL FARM MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT
11 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT. GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO
12 THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND
13 REPLANTING CROPS THAT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY A NATURAL DISASTER.

14 5. THE COMMISSIONER, UPON REVIEW OF AN OWNER'S APPLICATION, SHALL
15 DETERMINE IF THE OWNER IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
16 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE THE DETERMINATION AS TO THE AMOUNT OF GRANT
17 THE SMALL FARM OWNER NEEDS TO REBUILD HIS OR HER CROP, PROVIDED THAT
18 SUCH AMOUNT SHALL IN NO EVENT EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

19 6. THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE
20 LEGISLATURE OR ANY OTHER FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF
21 THIS SECTION. GRANTS SHALL ONLY BE AWARDED BASED UPON THE AVAILABILITY
22 OF FUNDS.

23 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
24 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of
25 agriculture and markets may implement any rule or regulation and create
26 the required application, which are necessary for the timely implementa-
27 tion of this act on its effective date.

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

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