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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to creating a horizontal silo leachate runoff working group

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 article 13-F to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 13-F

4 HORIZONTAL SILO LEACHATE RUNOFF WORKING GROUP

5 SECTION 160-W. HORIZONTAL SILO LEACHATE RUNOFF WORKING GROUP.

6 S 160-W. HORIZONTAL SILO LEACHATE RUNOFF WORKING GROUP. 1. THE COMMIS-
7 SIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE OPTIONS FOR THE
8 TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF LEACHATE RUNOFF FROM HORIZONTAL OR BUNKER
9 SILOS.

10 2. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL INCLUDE: REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPART-
11 MENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMPIRE STATE DEVELOP-
13 MENT, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NEW YORK STATE FARM BUREAU, REPRESENT-
14 ATIVES FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL
15 RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NORTHEAST DAIRY
16 PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE APPROPRIATE INSTI-
17 TUTIONS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

18 3. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET REGULARLY AND SHALL REVIEW AND STUDY
19 THE OPTIONS AND BEST PRACTICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE, INCLUDING THOSE FROM
20 OTHER STATES, FOR THE TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF LEACHATE RUNOFF FROM
21 HORIZONTAL OR BUNKER SILOS. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL INCLUDE IN THEIR
22 DISCUSSION, BUT NOT LIMIT IT TO, THE COST OF SUCH TREATMENT AND MANAGE-
23 MENT OPTIONS FOR THE LEACHATE RUNOFF FROM HORIZONTAL OR BUNKER SILOS.

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

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1 THE GROUP SHALL ALSO INCLUDE IN THEIR DISCUSSION, BUT NOT LIMIT IT TO,
2 WAYS TO HELP FARMERS REDUCE THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE TREATMENT AND
3 MANAGEMENT OF LEACHATE RUNOFF FROM HORIZONTAL OR BUNKER SILOS. UPON THE
4 CONCLUSION OF THEIR STUDY, THE WORKING GROUP SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT,
5 THAT IS WIDELY AVAILABLE, WHICH OUTLINES THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKING
6 GROUP. THE REPORT SHALL BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-
7 CULTURE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR THEIR REVIEW.
8 4. IF THE NEED EXISTS, THE WORKING GROUP MAY CONTINUE TO EXIST AFTER
9 THE PUBLICATION OF THEIR FINDINGS TO ADDRESS OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES WITH-
10 IN THEIR COMPETENCY.
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.