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

AN ACT to authorize and direct the commissioners of agriculture and markets and economic development to study and develop a long-term strategy for sustaining farming and food production in New York state

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

Section 1. The commissioners of agriculture and markets and economic development are hereby authorized and directed to study and develop a long-term strategy for sustaining farming and food production in New York state. Such strategy shall be based on an analysis of land use and economic trends, soil and natural resources, food consumption needs and other factors necessary to develop a state-level blueprint for protecting farmland and strengthening food production in the state. Such strategy shall be developed in consultation with agricultural and economic development advisory bodies created or authorized by statute and such other organizations or persons as the commissioners shall deem appropriate. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the commissioners shall submit a report of their findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, if any, to the governor and the legislature.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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