

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GRIFFIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to prohibiting the planting and growing of genetically engineered crops within the national wildlife refuge system

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 29-C to read as follows:

ARTICLE 29-C

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM;

GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROPS PROHIBITED

Section 530. Definitions.

7 531. National wildlife refuge system; genetically engineered
8 crops prohibited.

9 § 530. Definitions. As used in this article "genetically engineered
10 crops" shall mean crops produced from plant varieties created using
11 techniques that alter the molecular or cell biology of an organism by
12 means that are not possible under natural conditions or processes.
13 Genetic engineering shall include recombinant DNA, cell fusion, micro-
14 and macro-encapsulation, gene deletion and doubling, introduction of a
15 foreign gene, and gene repositioning. It shall not include crop breed-
16 ing, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, and tissue culture.

17 § 531. National wildlife refuge system; genetically engineered crops
18 prohibited. No genetically engineered crop or crops may be planted or
19 grown on any lands of the national wildlife refuge system located within
20 this state.

21 § 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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