

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the not-for-profit corporation law, in relation to enacting the "urban farming land initiative act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "urban farming land initiative act".

3 § 2. Section 1608 of the not-for-profit corporation law is amended by  
4 adding a new paragraph (k) to read as follows:

5 (k)(i) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each land bank  
6 shall utilize ten percent of the acreage of its properties for the  
7 purpose of urban agriculture or community gardens. A land bank is  
8 authorized to enter into contracts and any other instruments necessary  
9 to effectuate this paragraph.

10 (ii) For the purposes of this paragraph:

11 (1) "community garden" shall mean land bank property upon which citi-  
12 zens of the municipality in which the land bank is located have the  
13 opportunity to garden but they do not individually own; and

14 (2) "urban farming" shall mean the production of agricultural products  
15 such as produce and animal products; this may include growing crops,  
16 animal husbandry, beekeeping, aquaculture or aquaponics, vertical farm-  
17 ing, and non-food products such as producing seeds, cultivating  
18 seedlings, and growing flowers.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
20 have become a law.

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

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