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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing a New York native plants designation

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

Section 1. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-h to read as follows:

2-h. In cooperation with the department of environmental conservation, offer seals or logos identifying native plants as grown in New York state and certified for their quality, product labeling, advertising, and displays. The department, in cooperation with the department of environmental conservation, shall establish appropriate standards and guidelines for such designation. The department shall further provide educational materials promoting awareness and understanding of native plants under the New York native plants designation to horticultural producers, garden centers, consumers, educational institutions, Cornell cooperative extension, and relevant agricultural and environmental organizations. For the purposes of this subdivision, "native plants" shall mean non-invasive herbaceous and woody plant species that are indigenous to New York state and are likely to maintain their range or successfully adapt to anticipated climate changes in New York state and the northeastern United States.

§ 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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