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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to directing a study of the risks and benefits of engineered sterile seeds

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

1 Section 1. Section 136 of the agriculture and markets law is amended
2 by adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

3 22. THE TERM "ENGINEERED STERILE SEEDS" MEANS SEEDS WHICH HAVE BEEN
4 GENETICALLY ENGINEERED TO PRODUCE PLANTS THE SECOND-GENERATION SEEDS OF
5 WHICH ARE UNABLE TO GERMINATE.

6 S 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new
7 section 141-a to read as follows:

8 S 141-A. ENGINEERED STERILE SEEDS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL STUDY THE
9 IMPLICATIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, SALE AND USE OF ENGINEERED
10 STERILE SEEDS, INCLUDING THE SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM RISKS AND BENEFITS
11 FOR GROWERS, OTHER AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS AND CONSUMERS, AND SHALL ISSUE
12 A REPORT OF HIS FINDINGS NOT LATER THAN JANUARY THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND
13 FOURTEEN. THE REPORT SHALL SET FORTH THE NEED FOR ANY AMENDMENTS TO THIS
14 ARTICLE NECESSITATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENGINEERED STERILE SEEDS, AND
15 ANY OTHER STATUTORY OR REGULATORY PROVISIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY OR
16 DESIRABLE TO ENSURE THAT SUCH SEEDS ARE MARKETED, SOLD AND USED IN A
17 MANNER WHICH BEST SERVES THE POLICY AND PURPOSES SET FORTH IN SECTION
18 THREE OF THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES
19 AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO THE MARKETING, SALE
20 AND USE OF ENGINEERED STERILE SEEDS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE A
21 COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE
22 TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF THE
23 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES.

24 2. NO ENGINEERED STERILE SEEDS SHALL BE PRODUCED DURING THE TIME OF
25 SUCH STUDY BY THE COMMISSIONER.

26 3. NO FOOD WHICH IS PRODUCED BY A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED STERILE SEED
27 SHALL BE SERVED IN ANY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

28 S 3. 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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