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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to providing assistance for community gardens

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

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 31-j to read as follows:

S 31-J. SALE OF COMMUNITY GARDENS PROPERTY IN CERTAIN CITIES. IN ANY CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, WHENEVER SUCH CITY SELLS OR LEASES PROPERTY WHICH WAS USED AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AT ANY TIME WITHIN FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO SUCH SALE OR LEASE, THE CITY SHALL DEPOSIT FIVE PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS FROM SUCH SALE OR LEASE INTO A SEPARATE ACCOUNT TO BE DESIGNATED THE "COMMUNITY GARDENS ACCOUNT". FUNDS IN SUCH ACCOUNT SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF PURCHASING PROPERTY TO BE USED AS COMMUNITY GARDENS, PROVIDING SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS NEEDED BY COMMUNITY GARDENS AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER GROUPS THAT SPONSOR OR PROPOSE TO SPONSOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN.

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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