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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to agricultural protection state assistance payments

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 325 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 527 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Within a county, a municipality which has in place a local farmland protection plan may apply and shall be eligible for agricultural protection state assistance payments to implement its plan, or a portion of its plan, provided the proposed project is endorsed for funding by the agricultural and farmland protection board for the county in which the municipality is located and that any plan developed on or after January first, two thousand six complies with section three hundred twenty-four-a of this article. State assistance payments to such municipalities shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of implementing the local plan or portion of the plan for which state assistance has been requested. *SUCH MAXIMUM SHALL BE INCREASED BY A PERCENTAGE EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR SUCH SPECIFIED PROJECTS THAT ARE CONTRIBUTED BY THE OWNER OF THE AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR WHICH THE PROJECT IS BEING FUNDED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN NO EVENT SHALL THE TOTAL OF SUCH STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS EXCEED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUCH ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR ANY SPECIFIED PROJECT.* The commissioner may require such information or additional planning as he or she deems necessary to evaluate such a request for state assistance.

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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