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OAKS, REILICH, SAYWARD, SCOZZAFAVA, SPANO, TOWNSEND -- read once and  
referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT creating the cellulosic ethanol task force; and providing for the  
repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

1     Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and  
2     declares it necessary to prevent and reduce the production and emanation  
3     of greenhouse gases and in doing so, finds it necessary to create a task  
4     force to be known as the "cellulosic ethanol task force" to study and  
5     advance the production of cellulosic ethanol in furtherance of such  
6     goal.  
7     As our nation continues to focus on various forms of renewable energy,  
8     one of the future sources is cellulosic ethanol. Cellulosic ethanol is a  
9     type of ethanol that is derived from cellulose instead of standard  
10    sugars and starches. The benefit of cellulosic ethanol is that it  
11    substantially reduces the emission of greenhouse gases even in compar-  
12    ison to other types of ethanol. This ethanol type can be harvested from  
13    crops grown within our state. It is therefore essential that experts  
14    provide our state, and our nation, with information and recommendation  
15    of what type of crops can produce such ethanol and where in our state  
16    such crops are best grown.  
17    S 2. The commissioner of the department of agriculture and markets is  
18    hereby directed to develop a task force within such department to study  
19    the feasibility of growing crops for cellulosic ethanol production. This  
20    task force shall be comprised of no more than nine members. The members  
21    shall be selected by the commissioner of agriculture and markets. The  
22    task force shall, however, include at least one member selected by the

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

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1 state soil and water conservation board and one member selected by the  
2 commissioner of the department of environmental conservation. There  
3 shall be no compensation for the members of the task force. The cost for  
4 attending meetings and additional needs shall be covered by the state.  
5 A report of the findings of such study, recommendations of the super-  
6 intendent of insurance and any proposed legislation necessary to imple-  
7 ment such findings shall be filed with the governor, the temporary pres-  
8 ident of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of  
9 the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly within one year  
10 after the effective date of this act.  
11 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
12 deemed repealed one year after such date.