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Introduced by M. of A. HAWLEY, KOLB, GIGLIO, BURLING, CORWIN, McDONOUGH,
FINCH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, CALHOUN, CROUCH,
DUPREY, HAYES, McKEVITT, J. MILLER, OAKS, THIELE -- read once and
referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law and the New York state
urban development corporation act, in relation to assisting agricul-
ture in the state through the agriculture assistance program; and
providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new
2 article 21-D to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 21-D

4 AGRICULTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

5 SECTION 258-QQ. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

6 258-RR. AGRICULTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

7 S 258-QQ. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. THE LEGISLATURE HEREBY FINDS THAT AGRI-
8 CULTURE IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY ECONOMIC UNITS OF THE STATE AND THAT IT IS
9 TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN
10 AND EXPAND AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL SERVICES IS
11 WARRANTED. FURTHER, AGRICULTURE IN THOSE MUNICIPALITIES AND COMMUNITIES
12 WHERE AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION AND SERVICES HAVE BEEN HARMED BY NATURAL
13 DISASTER OR WHICH ARE IN DECLARED DISASTER AREAS SHOULD BE GIVEN PREFER-
14 ENCE IN RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

15 S 258-RR. AGRICULTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
16 DEVELOP A PROGRAM AND PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE
17 OF GIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND AGRICULTURAL
18 PRODUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL SERVICES IN THE STATE. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL
19 PROVIDE FOR PREFERENCE TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE IN THOSE
20 MUNICIPALITIES AND COMMUNITIES WHICH HAVE HAD AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

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

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1 AND SERVICES HARMED BY NATURAL DISASTER OR WHICH ARE LOCATED IN A
2 DECLARED DISASTER AREA. THE FUNDS FOR SUCH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL BE
3 RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. ONLY
4 ENTITIES AND PERSONS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND SERVICES
5 SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

6 S 2. Section 16-h of section 1 of chapter 174 of the laws of 1968,
7 constituting the New York state urban development corporation act, is
8 amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

9 3-A. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, FUNDS
10 OF THIS PROGRAM, WITHIN AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING UP TO THIRTY
11 MILLION DOLLARS, SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE AGRICULTURE ASSISTANCE
12 PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 21-D OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW.

13 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
14 deemed repealed December 31, 2012.