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

AN ACT to authorize and direct the commissioners of agriculture and  
markets and economic development to study and develop a long-term  
strategy for sustaining farming and food production in New York state

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

1     Section 1. The commissioners of agriculture and markets and economic  
2     development are hereby authorized and directed to study and develop a  
3     long-term strategy for sustaining farming and food production in New  
4     York state. Such strategy shall be based on an analysis of land use and  
5     economic trends, soil and natural resources, food consumption needs and  
6     other factors necessary to develop a state-level blueprint for protect-  
7     ing farmland and strengthening food production in the state. Such strat-  
8     egy shall be developed in consultation with agricultural and economic  
9     development advisory bodies created or authorized by statute and such  
10    other organizations or persons as the commissioners shall deem appropri-  
11    ate. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the commission-  
12    ers shall submit a report of their findings and recommendations, includ-  
13    ing proposed legislation, if any, to the governor and the legislature.  
14    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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