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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to including certain commercial equine operations in the definition of land used in agricultural production

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 301 of the agriculture and markets law, as separately amended by chapters 445 and 696 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

"Land used in agricultural production" means not less than seven acres of land used as a single operation in the preceding two years for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of ten thousand dollars or more; or, not less than seven acres of land used in the preceding two years to support a commercial horse boarding operation *OR A COMMERCIAL EQUINE OPERATION* with annual gross receipts of ten thousand dollars or more. Land used in agricultural production shall not include land or portions thereof used for processing or retail merchandising of such crops, livestock or livestock products. Land used in agricultural production shall also include:

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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