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Introduced by M. of A. MAGEE, RUSSELL, BARRETT, BRINDISI, GALEF, BRAUNSTEIN, CLARK, LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the elder law and the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing a farm-to-senior program

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 14 and subdivision 15 of section 202 of the elder law, paragraph (b) of subdivision 14 as amended and subdivision 15 as added by chapter 263 of the laws of 2011, are amended and a new subdivision 16 is added to read as follows:

(b) make recommendations, in consultation with the division of housing and community renewal, to the governor and legislature for assisting mixed-use age-integrated housing development or redevelopment demonstration projects in urban, suburban and rural areas of the state. The director of the office for the aging and secretary of state shall establish an advisory committee for purposes of this subdivision. Such committee shall include, but not be limited to, top representatives of local government, senior citizen organizations, developers, senior service providers and planners; [and]

15. to periodically, in consultation with the state director of [veteran's] VETERANS' affairs, review the programs operated by the office to ensure that the needs of the state's aging veteran population are being met and to develop improvements to programs to meet such needs[.]; AND

16. (A) IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, TO ESTABLISH A FARM-TO-SENIOR PROGRAM TO FACILITATE AND PROMOTE THE PURCHASE OF NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS BY SENIOR CENTERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE. THE OFFICE SHALL MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO FARMERS, FARM ORGANIZATIONS,

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

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AND INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING FARM-TO-SENIOR PROGRAMS.

(B) IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, TO ESTABLISH A PROMOTIONAL EVENT, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "NEW YORK GOLDEN HARVEST: SENIORS WEEK", TO PROMOTE NEW YORK AGRICULTURE AND FOODS TO SENIORS AT SENIOR CENTERS, FARMS, FARMERS' MARKETS AND OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. SUCH POWERS AND DUTIES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, COMPILING INFORMATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS FROM SENIOR CENTERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS AND DISSEMINATING TO THOSE SENIOR CENTERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FARMERS AND OTHER BUSINESSES MARKETING SUCH PRODUCTS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE NEED FOR CHANGES IN LAW TO FACILITATE THE PURCHASES OF SUCH PRODUCTS BY SENIOR CENTERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING.

S 2. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5-c to read as follows:

5-C. (A) ESTABLISH, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, A FARM-TO-SENIOR PROGRAM TO FACILITATE AND PROMOTE THE PURCHASE OF NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS BY SENIOR CENTERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING REGARDING SENIOR CENTERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING INTERESTED IN PURCHASING NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF SUCH PRODUCTS SENIOR CENTERS WISH TO PURCHASE AND THE NAME OF THE APPROPRIATE CONTACT PERSON FROM THE INTERESTED SENIOR CENTER. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THIS INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED NEW YORK FARMERS, FARM ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES THAT MARKET NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND INTERESTED SENIOR CENTERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE TYPES AND AMOUNT OF PRODUCTS, AND THE NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF FARMERS, FARM ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES MARKETING SUCH PRODUCTS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE NEED FOR CHANGES IN LAW TO FACILITATE THE PURCHASES OF SUCH PRODUCTS BY SENIOR CENTERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING.

(B) COORDINATE WITH THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING IN ESTABLISHING A PROMOTIONAL EVENT, TO BE KNOWN AS "NEW YORK GOLDEN HARVEST: SENIORS WEEK", TO PROMOTE NEW YORK AGRICULTURE AND FOODS TO SENIORS AT SENIOR CENTERS, FARMS, FARMERS' MARKETS AND OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law, provided, however, that effective immediately, the director of the office for the aging and the commissioner of agriculture and markets are authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before such effective date.