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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. MAGEE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Real Property Taxation

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to exemption from taxation of structures and buildings essential to the operation of agricultural and horticultural lands

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 8 of section 483 of the real property tax law, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 540 of the laws of 2007 and subdivision 8 as amended by chapter 411 of the laws of 2001, are amended to read as follows:

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The term "structures and buildings" shall include: (a) structures and buildings or portions thereof used directly and exclusively in the raising and production for sale of agricultural and horticultural commodities or necessary for the storage thereof, but not structures and buildings or portions thereof used for the processing of agricultural and horticultural commodities, or the retail merchandising of such commodities; (b) structures and buildings used to provide housing regular and essential employees and their immediate families who are primarily employed in connection with the operation of lands actively devoted to agricultural and horticultural use, but not including structures and buildings occupied as a residence by the applicant and his immediate family; (c) structures and buildings used as indoor exercise arenas exclusively for training and exercising horses in connection with the raising and production for sale of agricultural and horticultural commodities or in connection with a commercial horse boarding operation OR COMMERCIAL EQUINE OPERATION as defined in section three hundred one the agriculture and markets law. For purposes of this section, the term "indoor exercise arenas" shall not include riding academies or dude ranches THAT DO NOT MEET THE DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL EQUINE OPERATION IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS DEFINED

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

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LAW; (d) structures and buildings used in the production of maple syrup; (e) structures and buildings used in the production of honey and beeswax including those structures and buildings used for the storage of bees. For purposes of this section, this shall not include those structures or buildings and portions thereof used for the sale of maple syrup or sale of honey and beeswax. The term "structures and buildings" shall not include silos, bulk milk tanks or coolers, or manure storage and handling facilities as such terms are used in section four hundred eighty-three-a of this title.

- 8. As used in this section, the term "agricultural and horticultural" shall include the activity of raising, breeding and boarding of live-stock, including commercial horse boarding operations AND COMMERCIAL EQUINE OPERATIONS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THE AGRI-CULTURE AND MARKETS LAW.
- 15 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.