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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to labeling products free of genetically modified organisms

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

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 214-o to read as follows:

S 214-O. LABELING OF FOOD PRODUCTS FREE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS. FOOD PRODUCTS THAT NEITHER CONTAIN IN WHOLE OR IN PART GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS SHALL BEAR ON A LABEL THE PHRASE "GMO FREE".

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, A "GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM" SHALL MEAN ANY ORGANISM THAT POSSESSES A NOVEL COMBINATION OF GENETIC MATERIAL OBTAINED THROUGH THE USE OF MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY.

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

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

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