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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing a one-stop farming hotline

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

1 Section 1. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 49 to read as follows:
3 49. SUBJECT TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUCH PURPOSE, ESTABLISH AND ADMIN-
4 ISTER, TOGETHER WITH THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, A ONE-STOP TOLL
5 FREE NUMBER FOR FARMERS, AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS AND OTHERS TO ACCESS
6 INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES REGARDING GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE
7 PROGRAMS THAT ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING AND EXPANDING FARM AND AGRICULTURAL
8 RELATED BUSINESSES. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES,
9 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, MARKETING POSSIBILITIES AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL
10 RESOURCES. SUCH ONE-STOP SERVICE SHALL BE PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE.
11 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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