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May 12, 2016

IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing a pilot program to conduct research and scientific assessment of the feasibility of seaweed cultivation; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Section 13-0302 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. SUFFOLK COUNTY SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ALLOW THE UNDERWATER LANDS AT GARDINER'S AND PECONIC BAYS WITHIN THE SHELLFISH CULTIVATION ZONE TO BE USED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT OF THE FEASIBILITY OF SEAWEED CULTIVATION. SUCH PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE LIMITED TO PERSONS HOLDING A LEASE FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY FOR SHELLFISH CULTIVATION AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF FIVE ACRES OF SUCH CULTIVATION ZONE PROVIDED THAT ANY ONE PERSON MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT SEAWEED CULTIVATION ON NO MORE THAN ONE ACRE OF THE LEASE. SUFFOLK COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE DEPARTMENT ON THE PILOT PROGRAM NO LATER THAN JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed on July 1, 2026.

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

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