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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to authorize and direct the commissioners of agriculture and
markets and economic development to study and develop a long-term
strategy for sustaining farming and food production in New York state

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

1 Section 1. The commissioners of agriculture and markets and economic
2 development are hereby authorized and directed to study and develop a
3 long-term strategy for sustaining farming and food production in New
4 York state. Such strategy shall be based on an analysis of land use and
5 economic trends, soil and natural resources, food consumption needs and
6 other factors necessary to develop a state-level blueprint for protect-
7 ing farmland and strengthening food production in the state. Such strat-
8 egy shall be developed in consultation with agricultural and economic
9 development advisory bodies created or authorized by statute and such
10 other organizations or persons as the commissioners shall deem appropri-
11 ate. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the commission-
12 ers shall submit a report of their findings and recommendations, includ-
13 ing proposed legislation, if any, to the governor and the legislature.
14 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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