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   Introduced by Sen. BONACIC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when
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   AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to an
     exemption from the small food processing licensing requirements for
     pickling

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

 1   Section 1. Section 251-z-4 of the agriculture and markets law, as
 2 added by chapter 863 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read as follows:
 3   S 251-z-4. Exemptions. In addition to the exemptions specified in
 4 subdivision three of section two hundred fifty-one-z-two OF THIS
 5 ARTICLE, the commissioner [may] SHALL, if he OR SHE determines that the
 6 protection of the consumers of the state as a whole will not be impaired
 7 by such action, provide by regulation for exemption from licensing of
 8 small food processing establishments, FOR THE PROCESSING OF FOOD BY
 9 MEANS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PICKLING, when he OR SHE finds that
10 such exemptions would avoid unnecessary regulation and assist in the
11 administration of this article without impairing its purposes. Regu-
12 lations defining such exemptions may classify exempted establishments
13 with respect to the volume and types of food handled, the types of proc-
14 essing involved, or with respect to any other factor or combination
15 thereof which bear a reasonable relation to the purposes of this arti-
16 cle. Such exemptions may be conditioned upon requirements relating to
17 sanitation, record keeping and reporting as the commissioner may
18 require.
19   S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
20 it shall have become a law, provided, however, that effective immediate-
21 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations
22 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date, are
23 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
24 effective date.