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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to federal  
food safety compliance assistance

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

1     Section 1. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 45 to read as follows:  
3     45. ESTABLISH A FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO  
4     SUPPORT FARMERS IN COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY RULES. UNDER SUCH  
5     PROGRAM THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORM PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE NEW YORK STATE  
6     AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS,  
7     COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, AND OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE  
8     SUCH SUPPORT AND SHALL ASSIST SUCH PARTNERS IN SEEKING FEDERAL AND  
9     PRIVATE SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR SUCH PROGRAM ASSISTANCE. THE PROGRAM SHALL  
10    PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
11    INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND REFERRALS TO HELP SUCH FARMERS IN  
12    DEVELOPING OR MODIFYING FARMING, FOOD PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING PRAC-  
13    TICES TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY REQUIRE-  
14    MENTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC  
15    DEVELOPMENT TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF FUNDING TO ASSIST FARMERS THAT MAY  
16    NEED TO INITIATE CAPITAL PROJECTS TO COMPLY WITH CHANGES IN FEDERAL FOOD  
17    SAFETY RULES.  
18    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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