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Introduced by Sens. PANEPINTO, COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to assistance with aggregating, processing and transporting agricultural products for producers and processors

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5-b of section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(D) PROVIDE, IN COOPERATION WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER RESOURCES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TO SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COORDINATING WITH EACH OTHER TO AGGREGATE, PROCESS AND TRANSPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WITH THE GOAL OF SELLING SUCH PRODUCTS IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF FOOD BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS, AND IDENTIFY AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO SUCH PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS ON FEDERAL, STATE AND PRIVATE GRANT OR OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WITH THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING AND SUPPORTING SUCH COORDINATION. THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY ALSO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PROCUREMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED IN SUBDIVISION TWO-D OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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