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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to estab-  
lishing a one-stop farming hotline

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 49 to read as follows:  
3     49. SUBJECT TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUCH PURPOSE, ESTABLISH AND ADMIN-  
4     ISTER, TOGETHER WITH THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, A ONE-STOP TOLL  
5     FREE NUMBER FOR FARMERS, AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS AND OTHERS TO ACCESS  
6     INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES REGARDING GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE  
7     PROGRAMS THAT ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING AND EXPANDING FARM AND AGRICULTURAL  
8     RELATED BUSINESSES. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES,  
9     AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, MARKETING POSSIBILITIES AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL  
10    RESOURCES. SUCH ONE-STOP SERVICE SHALL BE PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE.  
11    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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