STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 2, 2018

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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to including urban farming written agricultural districts

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 301 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 35 of the laws of 2016, is amended and a new subdivision 19 is added to read as follows:

11. "Farm operation" means the land and on-farm buildings, equipment, manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contribute to the production, preparation and marketing of crops, livestock and livestock products as a commercial enterprise, including a "commercial horse boarding operation" as defined in subdivision thirteen of this section, a "timber operation" as defined in subdivision fourteen of this section, "compost, mulch or other biomass crops" as defined in subdivision seventeen of this section [~~and~~], "commercial equine operation" as defined in subdivision eighteen of this section **and "urban farming" as defined in subdivision nineteen of this section**. Such farm operation may consist of one or more parcels of owned or rented land, which parcels may be contiguous or noncontiguous to each other.

19. "Urban farming" means the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants, as well as the limited keeping and raising of fowl or bees and the practice of aquaculture.

§ 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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