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Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to instituting a moratorium on the distribution, sale or use of glyphosate until a task force completes a study regarding the safety, alternatives and use of such compound

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

- 1 Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a 2 new section 37-0115 to read as follows:
- § 37-0115. Prohibition against use of glyphosate.
- 1. No person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation shall distribute, sell, offer for sale or use glyphosate or any products containing glyphosate within New York state until July first, two thousand twenty-two.
- 8 2. For the purpose of this section, "glyphosate" shall mean a synthet9 ic compound that is a non-selective systemic herbicide, also known as
 10 N-(phosphonomethyl) glycine with a chemical formula of C3H8NO5P.
- 11 3. There shall be established within the department a glyphosate task 12 force which shall consist of the following members:
- 13 <u>(a) The commissioner of the department, or the commissioner's desig-</u>
 14 <u>nee.</u>
- 15 (b) The commissioner of the department of health, or such commission-16 er's designee.
- 17 <u>(c) The commissioner of the department of agriculture and markets, or</u>
 18 <u>such commissioner's designee.</u>
- 19 <u>(d) A representative from the state university of New York's college</u>
 20 <u>of environmental science and forestry, appointed by the governor.</u>
- 21 (e) A representative from the New York farm bureau, appointed by the 22 governor.

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

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- 1 (f) A representative from the pesticide industry, appointed by the 2 governor.
- 3 (g) A representative from an environmental organization, appointed by the governor.
 - 4. The task force shall:

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- (a) Research and identify any health and safety concerns associated with the use of glyphosate.
 - (b) Identify safe alternatives to glyphosate.
- 9 (c) Determine whether the use of glyphosate should be permitted in the 10 state.
- 11 (d) If the use of glyphosate should be permitted, identify recommended 12 safe practices associated with the use of glyphosate.
- 13 <u>5. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation,</u>
 14 <u>except members shall be allowed their necessary and actual expenses</u>
 15 <u>incurred in the performance of their duties under this section.</u>
- 6. The members of the task force shall submit a report of their findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the governor and legislature no later than January first, two thousand twenty-two.
- 20 <u>7. The glyphosate task force shall cease to exist on June thirtieth,</u>
 21 two thousand twenty-two.
- 22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.