

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 10, 2018

Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to co-location of farms and renewable energy projects

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

1 Section 1. Section 309 of the agriculture and markets law is amended
2 by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

3 10. a. The advisory council on agriculture shall study and provide
4 recommendations to the commissioner on best practices to allow for
5 co-location in an effort to enhance compatibility between renewable
6 energy development and the protection of natural and agricultural
7 resources. Such recommendations on best practices shall focus on renewa-
8 ble energy projects and their impact on the loss of prime agricultural
9 lands. Any findings and recommendations pursuant to this subdivision
10 shall be made available to the public, and may be included in the coun-
11 cil's report pursuant to subdivision seven of this section.

12 b. "Co-location," as used in this section shall mean viable farmland
13 eligible for the deliberate production of farm products and renewable
14 energy in a single location.

15 § 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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