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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to creating a horizontal silo leachate runoff working group

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

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new article 13-F to read as follows:

ARTICLE 13-F

HORIZONTAL SILO LEACHATE RUNOFF WORKING GROUP

Section 160-w. Horizontal silo leachate runoff working group.

§ 160-w. Horizontal silo leachate runoff working group. 1. The commissioner shall establish a working group to study the options for the treatment and management of leachate runoff from horizontal or bunker silos.

2. The working group shall include: representatives from the department of agriculture and markets, representatives from the department of environmental conservation, representatives from empire state development, representatives from the New York State Farm Bureau, representatives from the United States department of agriculture natural resource conservation service, representatives from the Northeast Dairy Producers Association and representatives from the appropriate institutions at Cornell University.

3. The working group shall meet regularly and shall review and study the options and best practices that are available, including those from other states, for the treatment and management of leachate runoff from horizontal or bunker silos. The working group shall include in their discussion, but not limit it to, the cost of such treatment and management options for the leachate runoff from horizontal or bunker silos. The group shall also include in their discussion, but not limit it to, ways to help farmers reduce the cost associated with the treatment and

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

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management of leachate runoff from horizontal or bunker silos. Upon the conclusion of their study, the working group shall publish a report, that is widely available, which outlines the findings of the working group. The report shall be sent to the United States department of agriculture natural resource conservation service for their review.

4. If the need exists, the working group may continue to exist after the publication of their findings to address other relevant issues within their competency.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.