STATE OF NEW YORK

2898

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 18, 2017

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- 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 establishing a one-stop farming hotline

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

Section 1. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 49 to read as follows:

49. Subject to an appropriation for such purpose, establish and administer, together with the Cornell cooperative extension, a one-stop toll free number for farmers, agricultural professionals and others to access information and referral services regarding governmental and private programs that assist in establishing and expanding farm and agricultural related businesses. Such information shall include grant opportunities, agricultural research, marketing possibilities and other agricultural resources. Such one-stop service shall be provided at no charge.

§ 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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