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IN SENATE

February 6, 2018

Introduced by Sens. KLEIN, ALCANTARA, HAMILTON, VALESKY -- 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 the expansion of regional farmers' markets

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

Section 1. Section 284 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. Development and facilitation of the establishment of regional farmers' markets to promote the direct marketing of farm and food products on a wholesale or bulk sales basis to large volume purchasers of farm and food products. Such regional farmers' markets should be, whenever possible, located in areas that have poor consumer access to high quality and reasonably priced food and farm products or food deserts; or which would sell to or cater to the needs of retailers or bulk purchasers of food and farm products that are located in areas that have poor consumer access to high quality and reasonably priced food and farm products or food deserts. The department is authorized to work in cooperation with the New York state urban development corporation and the empire state development corporation for the purposes of this subdivision, section sixteen-m of the New York state urban development corporation act and article five-D of the economic development law.

§ 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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