STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 22, 2020

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Griffin) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to prohibiting the planting and growing of genetically engineered crops within the national wildlife refuge system

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 29-C to read as follows:

ARTICLE 29-C
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM;
GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROPS PROHIBITED

Section 530. Definitions.
531. National wildlife refuge system; genetically engineered crops prohibited.

§ 530. Definitions. As used in this article "genetically engineered crops" shall mean crops produced from plant varieties created using techniques that alter the molecular or cell biology of an organism by means that are not possible under natural conditions or processes. Genetic engineering shall include recombinant DNA, cell fusion, micro- and macro-encapsulation, gene deletion and doubling, introduction of a foreign gene, and gene repositioning. It shall not include crop breeding, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, and tissue culture.

§ 531. National wildlife refuge system; genetically engineered crops prohibited. No genetically engineered crop or crops may be planted or grown on any lands of the national wildlife refuge system located within this state.

§ 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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