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Introduced by Sens. METZGER, JACKSON, SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to requiring the preparation of recommendations for best practices in treating livestock and farm properties for Asian longhorned tick treatment, prevention, and management

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 50 to read as follows:

50. Develop, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of health and the New York state land grant university, best-practice recommendations for treatment, prevention and management of livestock and farm property to protect against Asian longhorned ticks. Such recommendations shall be based upon scientific data and shall include, but not be limited to, the use of landscape techniques demonstrated to be safe for livestock, people, pets and the environment, methods to discourage rodent activity, and, as a method of last resort, the use of effective active ingredients, as defined in subdivision one of section 33-0101 of the environmental conservation law, including usage information and any label warnings or caution statements. The commissioner, in consultation with the New York state land grant university, shall develop and distribute to farmers information on Asian longhorned tick treatment, management, and prevention. Such information and recommendations shall also be made available on the department's website.

§ 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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