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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. METZGER -- 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 a public awareness campaign regarding Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases

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

1 Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 16-b to read as follows:

3 § 16-b. Public awareness campaign regarding Lyme disease and other  
4 tick-borne diseases. The commissioner, in consultation with the commis-  
5 sioner of health, shall develop and conduct a public awareness campaign  
6 regarding Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. The campaign may  
7 utilize public forums, social media and mass media, including but not  
8 limited to internet, radio, and print advertising and shall include  
9 materials and information on the department's website. The campaign  
10 shall be tailored to educate farmers, farm workers, and other agricul-  
11 tural employees regarding: (a) Lyme disease and other tick-borne  
12 diseases; (b) recognition of the symptoms of Lyme disease and other  
13 tick-borne diseases; (c) the available treatments for Lyme disease and  
14 other tick-borne diseases; and (d) preventive measures that may be taken  
15 to lessen the threat posed by ticks carrying Lyme disease or other tick-  
16 borne diseases.

17 § 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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