STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2020

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 establishing a farmer resource portal to assist farmers in accessing certain information

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 section 27-a to read as follows:

§ 27-a. Farmer resource portal. The commissioner shall create and maintain an online portal to assist farmers in accessing information to be known as the "farmer resource portal". The farmer resource portal shall direct farmers to state and federal grants and loans, provide information and guidance about regulations that affect farmers, provide links to agricultural research funded and conducted on behalf of New York state, provide an index of all the boards and commissions of the department including information about members, meeting times and locations, and the purpose of such board or commission, and include any additional information that the commissioner deems necessary or appropriate.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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