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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH, BARCLAY, FINCH, HAWLEY, KOLB -- read once
and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT creating the cellulosic ethanol task force; and providing for the
repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and
2 declares it necessary to prevent and reduce the production and emanation
3 of greenhouse gases and in doing so, finds it necessary to create a task
4 force to be known as the "cellulosic ethanol task force" to study and
5 advance the production of cellulosic ethanol in furtherance of such
6 goal.

7 As our nation continues to focus on various forms of renewable energy,
8 one of the future sources is cellulosic ethanol. Cellulosic ethanol is a
9 type of ethanol that is derived from cellulose instead of standard
10 sugars and starches. The benefit of cellulosic ethanol is that it
11 substantially reduces the emission of greenhouse gases even in compar-
12 ison to other types of ethanol. This ethanol type can be harvested from
13 crops grown within our state. It is therefore essential that experts
14 provide our state, and our nation, with information and recommendation
15 of what type of crops can produce such ethanol and where in our state
16 such crops are best grown.

17 § 2. The commissioner of the department of agriculture and markets is
18 hereby directed to develop a task force within such department to study
19 the feasibility of growing crops for cellulosic ethanol production. This
20 task force shall be comprised of no more than nine members. The members
21 shall be selected by the commissioner of agriculture and markets. The
22 task force shall, however, include at least one member selected by the
23 state soil and water conservation board and one member selected by the
24 commissioner of the department of environmental conservation. There

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

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1 shall be no compensation for the members of the task force. The cost for
2 attending meetings and additional needs shall be covered by the state.

3 A report of the findings of such study, recommendations of the super-
4 intendent of insurance and any proposed legislation necessary to imple-
5 ment such findings shall be filed with the governor, the temporary pres-
6 ident of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of
7 the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly within one year
8 after the effective date of this act.

9 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
10 deemed repealed one year after such date.