

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 19, 2019

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Introduced by Sens. METZGER, RITCHIE -- 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 one-stop farming hotline

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

1 Section 1. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 50 to read as follows:

3 50. Subject to an appropriation for such purpose, establish and admin-  
4 ister, together with the Cornell cooperative extension, a one-stop toll  
5 free number for farmers, agricultural professionals and others to access  
6 information and referral services regarding governmental and private  
7 programs that assist in establishing and expanding farm and agricultural  
8 related businesses. Such information shall include grant opportunities,  
9 agricultural research, marketing possibilities and other agricultural  
10 resources. Such one-stop service shall be provided at no charge.

11 § 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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