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IN SENATE

January 6, 2020

Introduced by Sen. METZGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the use of pesticides to protect livestock and farm property against Asian longhorned ticks

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

Section 1. Subdivision 50 of section 16 of the agriculture and markets law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the agriculture and markets law relating to requiring the preparation of recommendations for best practices in treating livestock and farm properties for Asian longhorned tick treatment, prevention, and management, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4876-A and A. 8098, is amended 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 **effective** use of [~~effective active ingredients~~] **pesticides**, as defined in subdivision [~~one~~] **thirty-five** 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 department of environmental conservation and** 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 on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the agriculture and markets law relating to requiring the preparation of recommendations for

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

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