

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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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 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:

1 Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 27-a to read as follows:

3 § 27-a. Farmer resource portal. The commissioner shall create and  
4 maintain an online portal to assist farmers in accessing information to  
5 be known as the "farmer resource portal". The farmer resource portal  
6 shall direct farmers to state and federal grants and loans, provide  
7 information and guidance about regulations that affect farmers, provide  
8 links to agricultural research funded and conducted on behalf of New  
9 York state, provide an index of all the boards and commissions of the  
10 department including information about members, meeting times and  
11 locations, and the purpose of such board or commission, and include any  
12 additional information that the commissioner deems necessary or appro-  
13 priate.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
15 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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