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Introduced by M. of A. LUPARDO, WOERNER, BARRETT, STIRPE, STECK, THIELE, PAULIN, HAWLEY, BRABENEC, DeSTEFANO, MONTESANO, SCHMITT, ANGELINO, LEMONDES, McDONOUGH, B. MILLER, MORINELLO, TAGUE, SIMON, BUTTENSCHON, OTIS, BLANKENBUSH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GALEF -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported from committee, advanced to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the promotion of New York state animal and plant fiber

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

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

2-g. Aid, in cooperation with the department of economic development, in the promotion, marketing and sale, both within and outside the state, of New York state animal and plant fiber and products made from such fiber. For the purposes of this subdivision animal fiber means natural fibers that have formed the covering, or fleece, of sheep or other hairy animals such as goats or alpacas, shorn for the purposes of creating textile products, and plant fiber means natural fibers that are obtained from plants and used to create textile products including, but not limited to, hemp. Such aid shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) the opportunity for producers of animal and plant fibers in the state to participate in programs that offer seals or logos identifying such fibers as grown in New York state and certified for their quality, for product labeling, advertising, and displays; and

(b) the development of educational materials about animal and plant fiber, especially for young people, in cooperation with cooperative extension, boards of cooperative educational services, local fairs, and the state fair.

§ 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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