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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JACKSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to authorize and direct the commissioner of agriculture and markets to conduct a study on urban agriculture

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

Section 1. 1. The commissioner of agriculture and markets is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study on all forms of urban agriculture including, but not limited to, vertical farming, community gardens and urban farming. The purpose of this study shall include but not be limited to examining the effects urban agriculture would have on access to locally grown food, job creation and educational opportunities, and the impacts on the environment.

2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the commissioner of agriculture and markets shall deliver a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly. The report shall include recommendations for legislation and administrative programs related to all forms of urban agriculture practices including, but not limited to, vertical farming, community gardens and urban farming.

§ 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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