

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 11, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. CRUZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law and the public health law, in relation to the Nourish New York program and the hunger prevention and nutrition assistance program; and to repeal certain provisions of the agriculture and markets law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 451 of the agriculture and markets
2 law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the agriculture
3 and markets law relating to the Nourish New York program, as proposed in
4 legislative bills numbers S. 4892-A and A. 5781-A, is amended and a new
5 subdivision 3 is added to read as follows:

6 2. "Surplus agricultural products" means consumable or edible agricul-
7 tural products grown, produced or harvested in New York, including proc-
8 essed products as defined pursuant to subdivision three of this section,
9 but shall not include [~~condiments, sweeteners or~~] beverages containing
10 alcohol.

11 3. "Processed products" means any agricultural commodity that is
12 grown, produced or harvested in New York state and further processed by
13 butchering, freezing, canning, altering its state and/or blending with
14 other ingredients, so long as the final product contains at least
15 fifty-one percent by weight or volume agricultural products that are
16 grown, produced or harvested in New York state, regardless of where
17 processed.

18 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 452 of the agriculture and markets law,
19 as added by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the agriculture and
20 markets law relating to the Nourish New York program, as proposed in
21 legislative bills numbers S. 4892-A and A. 5781-A, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 2. The commissioner shall provide technical assistance and information
24 about the program to food relief organizations, producers of surplus
25 agricultural products and the public[, ~~including, but not limited to,~~
26 ~~information posted on the department's website~~].

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

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§ 3. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 452 of the agriculture and markets law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the agriculture and markets law relating to the Nourish New York program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4892-A and A. 5781-A, are REPEALED.

§ 4. Article 2 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 8 to read as follows:

TITLE 8

HUNGER PREVENTION AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Section 269. Hunger prevention and nutrition assistance program.

§ 269. Hunger prevention and nutrition assistance program. 1. The commissioner shall annually assess changing economic indicators impacting service levels within the hunger prevention nutrition assistance program in all regions of the state. Such assessment may include, but not be limited to, the average cost per meal, personnel costs, transportation costs, fuel costs and storage capacity. The commissioner shall provide a summary of findings to the governor and the legislature to inform funding levels for the hunger prevention and nutrition assistance program on or before the first day of December each year.

2. On or before the first day of December each year, the commissioner shall review and report to the governor and the legislature on the unmet need for cold storage equipment among regional food banks, food pantries and other emergency food organizations.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the agriculture and markets law relating to the Nourish New York program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4892-A and A. 5781-A, takes effect.