STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 11, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to a report on improving urban and rural consumer access to locally produced, healthy foods, and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the agriculture and markets law relating to the task force on improving urban and rural consumer access to locally produced, healthy foods, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1056 and A. 4613, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Section 28 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 task force on improving urban and rural consumer access to locally produced, healthy foods, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1056 and A. 4613, is amended to read as follows:

§ 28. [~~Task force on~~] **Advisory group for** improving urban and rural consumer access to locally produced, healthy foods. [~~1. There is hereby created the task force on improving urban and rural consumer access to locally produced, healthy foods. The task force is to be comprised of eleven members. Such task force shall have one ex-officio chairperson, who shall be the~~] **The** commissioner [~~or his or her designee. Four members shall be appointed by the governor, two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate and one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly. The appointed members of such task force shall be representative of:~~

~~(a) a farm engaged in growing crops, livestock or livestock products, as defined in section three hundred one of this chapter;~~

~~(b) not-for-profit food access organizations dedicated to expanding access of underserved, urban and rural communities to healthy, locally produced food;~~

~~(c) the grocery industry; and~~

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

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~~(d) economic development agencies serving county, New York state and New York city government.~~

~~Any vacancy on such task force shall be filled by the original appointing authority. Task force members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.~~

~~2. The mission of the task force is~~] shall convene an advisory group with representatives from agriculture, food access organizations, food retailers and economic development agencies to identify strategies and opportunities to expand access for underserved, nutritionally deficient urban and rural communities to healthy, locally produced food in New York state[~~. The task force shall develop and identify~~], including identifying new and innovative methods to increase the production, marketing and distribution of locally produced, fresh food in such communities in New York state.

[~~3.~~] Not later than one year after the effective date of this section, [~~the task force~~] a report shall [~~report~~] be delivered by the commissioner to the governor and the legislature on [~~its activities,~~] the findings and recommendations of such advisory group.

§ 2. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the agriculture and markets law relating to the task force on improving urban and rural consumer access to locally produced, healthy foods, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1056 and A. 4613, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed [~~December 31, 2025~~] after the report required pursuant to section one of this act has been delivered.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however that section one of 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 task force on improving urban and rural consumer access to locally produced, healthy foods, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1056 and A. 4613, takes effect.