STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 9, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to requiring the department of agriculture and markets to promote participation in Nourish New York program for black, indigenous and people of color site controlled farms

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

Section 1. Section 452 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-a. The commissioner shall provide means, which shall include financial and technical support, including but not limited to infrastructure development, priority grants related to processing and refrigeration systems, permit assistance, creation of a liaison to Nourish New York program, and input to best practices for Nourish New York program, to ensure an effective connection to markets and participation in the Nourish New York program by black, indigenous and people of color site controlled farms. The department shall include and prioritize the procurement of agricultural products from black, indigenous and people of color site controlled farms as a core component of the Nourish New York program food distribution system and shall establish a price point for agricultural products from black, indigenous and people of color owned farms that is, at a minimum, sufficient to cover the cost of production, temporary storage and transportation to food relief organizations.

§ 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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