STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing the "New York state animal and plant fiber program"

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

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new article 25-C to read as follows:

ARTICLE 25-C

NEW YORK STATE ANIMAL AND PLANT FIBER PROGRAM

Section 340. New York state animal and plant fiber program.

341. Definitions.

§ 340. New York state animal and plant fiber program. 1. The commissioner shall create a "New York state animal and plant fiber program" which shall be a part of the New York grown and certified program.

2. The program shall include the opportunity for producers of animal fibers and plant fibers in New York state to apply for permission to place the New York state grown and certified seal, on or upon a label, labeling, package, or container of, or on or upon an advertisement or display promoting, products qualifying for use of the seal. Such application shall be submitted to the commissioner, upon a form provided by the commissioner, and shall contain the information which shall be required pursuant to rules and/or regulations promulgated pursuant to this section.

3. The commissioner shall promulgate any further rules or regulations he or she shall deem necessary for the establishment and incorporation of the program within the New York state grown and certified program.

4. The department shall create educational materials for the program, which the department shall make available on its website and shall distribute such educational materials, both electronically and in print, to:

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

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(a) Cornell cooperative extensions, established by Cornell University;
(b) Boards of cooperative educational services;
(c) The national 4-H youth development organization administered by the national institute of food and agriculture;
(d) Organizers of county fairs in New York state; and
(e) Any farming advocacy groups the commissioner shall deem appropriate.

5. The program shall be introduced by the department at the state fair held pursuant to article two-A of this chapter, next succeeding the effective date of this section.

§ 341. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. The "New York state animal and plant fiber program" or "The program" means the New York state animal and plant fiber program established pursuant to section three hundred forty of this article.

2. "Animal fiber" means natural fibers that are obtained from animals including, but not limited to hair, fur, or skin secretions that are spun, woven, or otherwise manipulated to create textile products.

3. "Plant fiber" means natural fibers that are obtained from plants and used to create textile products including, but not limited to, cotton and hemp.

4. The "New York state grown and certified program" means the program established pursuant to part one hundred sixty-one of title one of the New York state codes, rules and regulations.

5. The "New York grown and certified seal" or "the seal" means the seal created by the commissioner pursuant to section 161.4 of part one hundred sixty-one of title one of the New York state codes, rules and regulations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.