STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 24, 2021

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

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

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 vertical farming. The purpose of this study shall include but not be limited to examining the effects vertical farms 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 the use of vertical farms.

§ 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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