STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 7, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Agriculture -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing the New York state meat processing grant expansion 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 section 96-k to read as follows:

§ 96-k. New York state meat processing expansion grant program. 1. There is hereby established within the department a New York state meat processing expansion grant program. The program shall be established by the department, in consultation with the empire state development corporation. The purpose of the program shall be to provide grants to encourage the expansion of meat processing enterprises throughout the state, with an emphasis on the establishment of more processing plants that are certified by the United States department of agriculture.

2. The department shall establish program requirements and create an application form for the program within sixty days of the effective date of this section. Such program requirements shall include, but need not be limited to;

(a) Proposals for grants shall be for no less than fifty thousand dollars and shall be used for the expansion of existing plants, creation of new plants, job training, safety upgrades, or other purpose deemed necessary to further opportunities for beef, pork and other meat farmers to process their meat within the state; and

(b) Funds allocated to the department for the grant program shall be divided among each regional economic development council region that is able to disperse five hundred thousand dollars each to one or multiple entities who can prove need for one-time capital funding to increase meat processing capabilities within the state.

3. The department shall promote the program throughout the state.

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

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4. Grant program funds shall be allocated within one year of the effective date of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect the first of April next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the implementation of the provisions of this act shall be subject to the appropriation of moneys specifically for the purposes thereof.