

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:

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

ARTICLE 25-C

NEW YORK STATE ANIMAL AND PLANT FIBER PROGRAM

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

341. Definitions.

7 § 340. New York state animal and plant fiber program. 1. The commis-
8 sioner shall create a "New York state animal and plant fiber program"
9 which shall be a part of the New York grown and certified program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 1. The "New York state animal and plant fiber program" or "The
14 program" means the New York state animal and plant fiber program estab-
15 lished pursuant to section three hundred forty of this article.

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

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

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

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

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