STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 24, 2021

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 agricultural assessment eligibility for beekeeping land

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

Section 1. Paragraph k of subdivision 4 of section 301 of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 341 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

k. Land used to support an apiary products operation which is owned by the operation and consists of [~~(i)~~] not less than [~~seven~~] three acres nor more than [~~ten~~] twenty acres used as a single operation in the preceding two years for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of ten thousand dollars or more [~~or (ii) less than seven acres used as a single operation in the preceding two years for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of fifty thousand dollars or more~~] with a minimum of ten honeybee colonies per acre of land and any appropriate pollinator plants, or other additional municipal code requirements. The land used to support an apiary products operation shall include, but not be limited to, the land under a structure within which apiary products are produced, harvested and stored for sale; and a buffer area maintained by the operation between the operation and adjacent landowners. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, rented land associated with an apiary products operation is not eligible for an agricultural assessment based on this paragraph.

§ 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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