STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

June 2, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. CRUZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the Nourish New York program

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 452 of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 631 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. The commissioner shall, to the extent permitted by state or federal appropriations for such purpose, facilitate programming that ensures surplus agricultural products are provided to food relief organizations at competitive wholesale prices. **Notwithstanding sections one hundred twelve and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, any monies appropriated for the purposes of this section may be distributed without an application or competitive procurement process to the ten regional food banks. Such funds shall be distributed on a regional basis; provided, in regions with more than one regional food bank, funds shall be distributed equally to food banks within such region. Regional food banks may suballocate funds to food relief organizations.**

§ 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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