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Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- 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 requiring the department of agriculture and markets to maintain a publicly available database of the results of its graded inspections on its website

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

Section 1. Section 500 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding three new subdivisions 6, 7 and 8 to read as follows:

6. The department shall maintain a publicly available database of the results of its graded inspections that shall include the retail food store's name, address, date of inspection, grade and a list of any violations cited within ninety days of a graded inspection. The department shall update the database every ninety days. The department shall make the inspection database available on their website, in a conspicuous location, including on any navigation or drop-down menu.

7. The department shall provide on their website information as to where a customer may file a consumer report, which shall be placed in a conspicuous location, including on any navigation or drop-down menu. If a consumer report is filed with the department regarding a retail food store, the graded inspection report provided to such retail food store shall note that the store was reported by a consumer. The consumer report and any other identifiable information of the consumer shall not be included within the inspection report.

8. The department shall facilitate and coordinate the planning and implementation of an awareness and educational program to inform the general public on the standards retail food stores shall meet and how consumers may report retail food stores with poor sanitary conditions. Such program shall include grading inspection posting requirements, the differences of sanitation between the inspection grades, and how to

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

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report a retail food store to the department. Such program shall promote educational and informational materials created, through available means, such as media advertising, billboards, printed literature, social media and the department's official website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.