STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 8, 2024

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- 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 defining therapeutic agriculture for purposes of community gardens

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

Section 1. Section 31-g of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. "Therapeutic agriculture" shall mean the use of agricultural activities, including farming, gardening, and animal husbandry, as a means of promoting physical, mental and emotional well-being, rehabilitation, and therapy for individuals with physical or mental health conditions, disabilities or other special needs.

§ 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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