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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to non-therapeutic use of antimicrobial agents in animals

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 section 84 to read as follows:

3 § 84. Non-therapeutic use of antimicrobial agents. 1. As used in this
4 section:

5 (a) "Antimicrobial agent" shall mean any drug or derivative of a drug
6 that is used in humans or intended for use in humans to treat or prevent
7 disease or infection, or any substance, whether produced synthetically
8 or naturally, used to kill or inhibit the growth of bacteria, viruses,
9 fungi, parasites, or other microorganisms.

10 (b) "Non-therapeutic use of antimicrobial agents" shall mean any use of
11 antimicrobial agents, including without limitation as a feed or water
12 additive, for an animal for growth promotion, feed efficiency, weight
13 gain, routine disease prevention, or other routine purpose, in the
14 absence of any clinical sign of disease in the animal.

15 2. (a) No person shall engage in the non-therapeutic use of antimicro-
16 bial agents in cattle, poultry, sheep, swine, or any animal raised for
17 the purpose of providing food for human consumption, including animals
18 that provide non-meat food products such as eggs and milk.

19 (b) No person shall sell, expose for sale, or transport for sale with-
20 in this state, regardless of place of origin, any food product derived
21 from an animal that has been subject to non-therapeutic use of antimi-
22 crobial agents.

23 3. Violation of this section shall constitute a class A misdemeanor.

24 4. The commissioner shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations
25 to give full effect to the provisions of this section.

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

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
2 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
3 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
4 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
5 completed on or before such effective date.