STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 14, 2026

Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- 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 weather emergencies

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

Section 1. The article heading of article 26-B of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 204 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES [~~FOR ANIMALS~~]

§ 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 412 to read as follows:

§ 412. Agricultural weather emergency. 1. The commissioner shall have the responsibility to monitor potential weather threats to agricultural production, particularly elements of weather events that could have a negative impact on crops and livestock in New York state but are not closely reported on by publicly available weather services.

2. The commissioner shall have the authority to declare an agricultural weather emergency ahead of significant weather events. During such emergencies, the commissioner shall take steps to proactively alert farmers of incoming weather conditions and provide assistance in response to weather-induced damage to crops and livestock.

3. The commissioner shall maintain a public webpage on agricultural weather emergencies, which shall include notice of active and incoming agricultural weather emergencies, in addition to online resources to prepare for and recover from such emergencies.

4. The commissioner, in collaboration with the division of homeland security and emergency services, shall establish an agricultural emergency weather alert system to support New York farmers in protecting their crops, livestock and the safety of their workers.

a. Such alert system shall allow individuals to opt in to text or email alerts tailored to their selected region of the state and to specific crops or livestock or groups of crops or livestock.

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

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b. Each alert shall include brief descriptions of the following, in addition to online resources to seek further information:

(i) incoming emergency weather conditions;

(ii) the potential impact such weather may have on the selected crops or livestock; and

(iii) actions farmers can take to protect their crops, livestock and workers' safety when applicable.

§ 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.