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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 14, 2025

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- 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 including urban farming written agricultural districts

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 301 of the agriculture and
2 markets law, as amended by chapter 35 of the laws of 2016, is amended
3 and a new subdivision 19 is added to read as follows:

4 11. "Farm operation" means the land and on-farm buildings, equipment,
5 manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contrib-
6 ute to the production, preparation and marketing of crops, livestock and
7 livestock products as a commercial enterprise, including a "commercial
8 horse boarding operation" as defined in subdivision thirteen of this
9 section, a "timber operation" as defined in subdivision fourteen of this
10 section, "compost, mulch or other organic biomass crops" as defined in
11 subdivision seventeen of this section [~~and~~], "commercial equine opera-
12 tion" as defined in subdivision eighteen of this section and "urban
13 farming" as defined in subdivision nineteen of this section. Such farm
14 operation may consist of one or more parcels of owned or rented land,
15 which parcels may be contiguous or noncontiguous to each other.

16 19. "Urban farming" means the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, flow-
17 ers and ornamental plants, as well as the limited keeping and raising of
18 fowl or bees and the practice of aquaculture.

19 § 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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