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Introduced by Sens. HINCHEY, BORRELLO, GALLIVAN, HELMING, OBERACKER, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture -- recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to land used in agricultural production

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 301 of the agriculture and markets  
2 law is amended by adding two new paragraphs p and q to read as follows:  
3 p. Land that is owned or rented as a farm operation for the preceding  
4 two years for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock  
5 products, that consists of (1) not less than seven acres and an annual  
6 gross sales value of five thousand dollars or more; or (2) less than  
7 seven acres and an annual gross sales value of thirty-five thousand  
8 dollars or more. Such farm operation shall also be able to establish  
9 that the farm operation will meet the gross sales value requirements  
10 described in paragraph f of this subdivision within three years of  
11 attaining an agricultural assessment. The commissioner or the advisory  
12 board established pursuant to section three hundred nine-a of this arti-  
13 cle shall create a set of metrics and considerations used by assessors  
14 to determine whether the farm operation will meet such gross sales value  
15 requirement within three years. Assessors shall use such metrics and  
16 considerations and shall give special consideration to farm operations  
17 that were awarded any state or federal grants, in particular grants for  
18 beginning farmers and grants for economically and socially disadvantaged  
19 farmers. The commissioner or the advisory board established pursuant to

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

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1 section three hundred nine-a of this article shall monitor the farm  
2 operation's progress, and the commissioner may provide technical assist-  
3 ance, including connecting the farm operation to resources for the  
4 purposes of assisting the farm operation in meeting the gross sales  
5 value requirement within the time allotted. Land that receives an agri-  
6 cultural assessment and is unable to meet the required gross sales value  
7 within three years as described in this paragraph shall no longer be  
8 considered land used in agricultural production pursuant to this  
9 subdivision.

10 g. Land of not less than seven acres that is owned or rented by a  
11 newly established farm operation for the production for sale of crops,  
12 livestock or livestock products in its first or second year of agricul-  
13 tural production, which does not independently satisfy the gross sales  
14 value requirement, but is able to establish that the farming operation  
15 will meet the gross sales value requirements described in paragraph f of  
16 this subdivision within five years of attaining an agricultural assess-  
17 ment. The commissioner or the advisory board established pursuant to  
18 section three hundred nine-a of this article shall create a set of  
19 metrics and considerations used by assessors to determine whether the  
20 farm operation will meet such gross sales value requirement within five  
21 years. Assessors shall use such metrics and considerations and shall  
22 give special consideration to farm operations that were awarded any  
23 state or federal grants, in particular grants for beginning farmers and  
24 grants for economically and socially disadvantaged farmers. The commis-  
25 sioner or the advisory board established pursuant to section three  
26 hundred nine-a of this article shall monitor the farm operation's  
27 progress, and the commissioner may provide technical assistance, includ-  
28 ing connecting the farm operation to resources for the purpose of  
29 assisting the farm operation in meeting the gross sales value require-  
30 ment within the time allotted. Land that receives an agricultural  
31 assessment and is unable to meet the required gross sales value in five  
32 years as described in this paragraph shall no longer be considered land  
33 used in agricultural production pursuant to this subdivision.

34 § 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
35 law and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of a taxa-  
36 ble status date occurring on or after such date. Effective immediately,  
37 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-  
38 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
39 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.