

New York Farm Bureau

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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 8830 (Seward) / Assembly Bill 10827 (Magee)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW AND THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW, IN RELATION TO ICE CREAM OR OTHER FROZEN DESSERTS MADE WITH WINE, BEER OR CIDER

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This legislation would authorize the sale of ice cream made with beer and hard cider, similar to wine ice cream which is already permitted under New York State law.

In 2008, the New York legislature approved the sale of wine ice cream. This bill would approve similar products made with beer and hard cider that contain no more than five percent alcohol by volume, limits its sale to persons 21 years of age and older, and would require the same product labeling and warning statements. This legislation would benefit dairy farmers, processers and manufactures, craft beer and cider producers, as well as food retailers and restaurants.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.