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**An Act To**

Add Chapter 60 Article 20-E Section 500 to the Consolidated Tax Law to place a 3.5% excise tax per pound on the sale of red meat.

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

**Purpose**

To impose a 3.5% excise tax on the sale of red meat per pound.

**Summary of Provisions**

**Section 1: Definitions**

Red meat: Any meat that comes from mammalian muscle including beef, lamb, pork, goat, veal, and mutton.

**Section 2:**

Article 20-E 1. A fine will be levied and imposed on a purchaser of red meat. Each pound of red meat will be subject to a 3.5 % excise tax.

(a)There is hereby imposed an excise tax on any red meat purchased in the state of New York under the rate of 3.5% per pound. This tax applies to any and all 1) fresh red meat which is sold in New York State and 2) prepackaged red meat which is sold in New York State. The excise tax imposed by this article shall be charged and paid by the purchaser at the time of such sale. The tax money derived from such red meat tax will be allocated to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

**Justification**

The passage of this bill will drastically reduce the increasing threat of environmental destruction which is seen throughout our world, nation, and state of New York. Large plots of land, keys to ecological success, are being shredded at alarming rates throughout New York in order to appease an unaddressed drive for livestock. In fact, livestock farming alone is responsible for an estimated eighteen percent of all greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. Revenue of the excise tax will be allocated to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**Fiscal Implications**

This Bill will institute a three point five percent (3.5%) excise tax on the purchase of red meat per pound.

**Environmental Implications**

The passage of this bill will stimulate an array of positive environmental impacts, directly promoting an advancement of environmental conservation.

**Effective Date**

This Bill shall go into effect two years after passage.