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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the installation of water monitoring systems at class C high hazard dams

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

1 Section 1. Section 1005-b of the public authorities law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

3 15. (a) For purposes of this subdivision, the term "dam" shall mean a  
4 dam classified by the department of environmental conservation as a  
5 class C or high hazard dam pursuant to section 673.5 of part 673 of  
6 title 6 of the New York state code of rules and regulations.

7 (b) The canal corporation shall install a water monitoring system at  
8 any dam within its jurisdiction, as set forth in subdivision one of this  
9 section, provided that the governing board of the municipality in which  
10 such dam is located or any other municipality which is adjacent to such  
11 municipality and downstream from such dam, after public hearing, adopts  
12 a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for such installation.

13 (c) Water monitoring systems installed at dams pursuant to this subdivi-  
14 vision shall be able to provide information in real time about the water  
15 level and flood risk at such dams. Such information shall be made avail-  
16 able: (i) to local emergency management authorities in order to assist  
17 such authorities in their ability to respond to dangerous conditions or  
18 flooding at such dams; and (ii) on the alert.ny.gov webpage.

19 (d) The canal corporation is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and  
20 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this subdivision.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
22 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
23 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
24 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
25 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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