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AN ACT to amend the canal law, in relation to requiring the accessibility  
of ring life buoys on piers in the canal system

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY,  
DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2     "Aaron's Law".  
3     S 2. The canal law is amended by adding a new section 135 to read as  
4     follows:  
5     S 135. LIFE BUOYS REQUIRED ON ALL PIERS, WHARFS, LOCKS AND DOCKS.     1.  
6     ON EACH PIER, WHARF, LOCK AND DOCK, AS DEFINED IN SECTION TWO OF THE  
7     NAVIGATION LAW, IN THE CANAL SYSTEM, THE CORPORATION MUST LOCATE ONE  
8     RING LIFE BUOY ON EACH SIDE OF THE PIER, WHARF, LOCK AND DOCK AS WELL AS  
9     ONE NEAR EACH EXTERNAL STAIRWAY LEADING TO WATER. ONE BUOY PER SIDE OF  
10    THE PIER MAY BE USED TO SATISFY BOTH OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.  
11    2. EACH RING LIFE BUOY MUST BE STOWED ON OR IN A RACK THAT IS READILY  
12    ACCESSIBLE IN AN EMERGENCY. THE RING LIFE BUOY MUST NOT BE PERMANENTLY  
13    SECURED IN ANY WAY TO THE RACK OR THE PIER.  
14    3. RING LIFE BUOYS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:  
15    (A) THE RING LIFE BUOY SHALL BE APPROVED UNDER APPROVAL SERIES 160.050  
16    OR 160.150 FOR SOLAS-APPROVED EQUIPMENT OR SUCCESSOR STANDARDS ISSUED BY  
17    THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.  
18    (B) EACH RING LIFE BUOY SHALL HAVE A FLOATING ELECTRIC WATER LIGHT  
19    APPROVED UNDER APPROVAL SERIES 161.010. THE CORPORATION SHALL ENSURE  
20    THAT THE LIGHT TO THE RING LIFE BUOY IS ATTACHED BY A LANYARD OF  
21    12-THREAD MANILA, OR SYNTHETIC ROPE OF EQUIVALENT STRENGTH, NOT LESS  
22    THAN THREE FEET NOR MORE THAN SIX FEET IN LENGTH. THE LIGHT MUST BE  
23    MOUNTED ON A BRACKET NEAR THE RING LIFE BUOY SO THAT WHEN THE RING LIFE  
24    BUOY IS CAST LOOSE THE LIGHT WILL BE PULLED FREE OF THE BRACKET.  
25    (C) TO EACH RING LIFE BUOY, THERE SHALL BE ATTACHED A BUOYANT LINE OF  
26    AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED FEET IN LENGTH, WITH A BREAKING STRENGTH OF AT  
27    LEAST FIVE KILONEWTONS FORCE. THE END OF THE LINE MUST NOT BE SECURED TO  
28    THE PIER.

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

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1 (D) EACH RING LIFE BUOY SHALL BE MARKED WITH TYPE II REFLECTIVE MATE-  
2 RIAL, APPROVED UNDER APPROVAL SERIES 164.018.

3 4. THE CORPORATION MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS TO THE  
4 APPLICABILITY AND PLACEMENT OF RING LIFE BUOYS IN LOCATIONS ON THE CANAL  
5 SYSTEM NOT COVERED IN THIS SECTION.

6 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
7 it shall have become a law.