

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 13, 2017

Introduced by Sen. YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to authorizing the use of benthic barriers to control dockside aquatic plants

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

1 Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a
2 new section 9-1711 to read as follows:

3 § 9-1711. Control of invasive aquatic plants.

4 1. For the purposes of this section, "benthic barrier" shall mean a
5 film of natural or synthetic matter that lays on the bottom of a wetland
6 to keep sunlight from reaching the soil on the wetland bottom so as to
7 control the growth of invasive aquatic plants.

8 2. No person shall be prohibited from placing benthic barriers in any
9 freshwater wetland between July first and October thirty-first each
10 year, for the purpose of controlling invasive aquatic plants around,
11 near and between docks.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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