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## IN ASSEMBLY

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- Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL, ENGLEBRIGHT, PAULIN, LIFTON, COLTON, GOTTFRIED, ABINANTI, PEOPLES-STOKES, TITONE, SKOUFIS, STECK -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, DINOWITZ, GALEF, GLICK, HOOPER, PERRY, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation
- AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to enacting the environmental access to justice act

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

- 1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "environ-2 mental access to justice act".
- 3 § 2. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new 4 section 8-0119 to read as follows:
- 5 <u>§ 8-0119. Standing.</u>

6 If a person institutes a proceeding under article seventy-eight of the

7 civil practice law and rules alleging violations of this article, such

8 person shall not be denied standing solely on the grounds that the inju-

9 ry alleged by such person does not differ in kind or degree from the

- 10 injury that would be suffered by the public at large.
- 11 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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