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

AN ACT to amend the canal law, in relation to directing the canal corporation to create a chart to identify, map and model normal and flood water flows in the Oswego river basin and the Mohawk river basin

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

Section 1. The canal law is amended by adding a new section 135 to read as follows:

§ 135. Upstate river basins chart. The canal corporation, in consultation with the department of environmental conservation, shall, by June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five, create a chart to identify, map and model normal and flood water flows in the Oswego river basin and the Mohawk river basin, which shall mean a watershed in the state of New York comprised of all rivers, streams, creeks, lakes, reservoirs and the surrounding land areas or other drainage, including but not limited to canals, that drains or flows via the Oswego river into Lake Ontario and a watershed in the state of New York comprised of all rivers, streams, creeks, lakes, reservoirs and the surrounding land areas or other drainage, including but not limited to canals, that drains or flows via the Mohawk river into the Hudson river, respectively. The chart shall be created with the Hydrologic Engineering Center River Analysis System (HEC-RAS), and bathymetric and/or light detection and ranging (LiDAR) measurements, as applicable. The chart shall, in addition to such other data as the canal corporation may determine to be included, consist of the chart as created and required by this section, together with other available data on basins, whether assisted by the state of New York under a provision of the laws of the state of New York, or assembled by federal or local governmental or private agencies, all of which such information shall be assembled and integrated, as applicable, into a map and model of the Oswego river basin and the Mohawk river basin. Addi-

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

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tionally, the canal corporation shall update the chart every five years and shall periodically review such chart to ensure that it effectuates the purposes of this section. As soon as practicable, the canal corporation shall make the chart available to the public for inspection and examination at every division office of the canal corporation located in a county in which the Oswego river basin or the Mohawk river basin is wholly or partially located in and on the corporation's website. Digital files of the chart, including the map and model, shall also be made available, upon request, to the clerk of each county, city, town or village in which the Oswego river basin or the Mohawk river basin or a portion thereof is located. The canal corporation shall, by July first, two thousand twenty-five, submit a report of the findings of the chart, including normal and flood flows, to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.