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Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- 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 the installation of trash capture nets

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 17-0832 to read as follows:

§ 17-0832. Additional requirement; trash capture nets.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation, the commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring the department to install or cause to be installed at the outlet of any point source that empties into any waters of the state a trash capture net for purposes of collecting garbage, refuse, and other debris. For purposes of this section, a "trash capture net" shall mean a commercial grade, reusable, open-meshed material designed to capture pollutants as small as five millimeters in diameter.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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