STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

September 2, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Walsh) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the navigation law, in relation to requiring life preservers or similar throwable flotation devices to be kept at state-operated marinas, docks, and launches

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

Section 1. The navigation law is amended by adding a new section 40-c to read as follows:

§ 40-c. Life preservers at state-operated marinas, docks, and launches. 1. Each marina, dock, and launch owned or operated by the state of New York shall maintain, at each designated area therein, at least one readily accessible life preserver or similar throwable flotation device, such that a person in the water at such location could reasonably access such life preserver or throwable flotation device without traversing to another area of the facility.

2. For purposes of this section, the term "designated area" shall mean each discrete mooring slip cluster, fixed pier, floating dock section, or launch point at which vessels are regularly moored, launched, or retrieved.

3. The office, in collaboration with the department of environmental conservation, shall administer the provisions of this section. The office may promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section at facilities under its jurisdiction, and the department of environmental conservation may promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section at facilities under its jurisdiction. The office and the department of environmental conservation shall coordinate to ensure consistent implementation of this section across all state-operated marinas, docks and launches.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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 effective date.

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

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