

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SMULLEN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the navigation law, in relation to requiring certain safety devices at public boat launches

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

1 Section 1. The navigation law is amended by adding a new section 35-e
2 to read as follows:

3 § 35-e. Life preservers at public boat launches. 1. Notwithstanding
4 any contrary provision of this chapter or of any other law, it shall be
5 the duty of the owners of every public launch in this state to maintain
6 on each such premises at least one ring buoy or life preserver, with
7 quarter-inch line, not less than five hundred feet in length, with suit-
8 able reel attached thereto. In addition thereto, there shall be anchored
9 on the shore, a suitable reel with a half-inch line not less than five
10 hundred feet in length, with a life-belt attached thereto, kept in good
11 order and proper condition, so that it can readily be used by those
12 assisting in saving life.

13 2. The commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation
14 shall promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she deems necessary
15 to enforce the provisions of this section.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
17 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment
18 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
19 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
20 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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