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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the navigation law, in relation to requiring that
vessels used to tow a person display a flag

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

1 Section 1. Section 73 of the navigation law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 4-b to read as follows:

3 4-b. (a) No person shall use or operate a vessel to tow a person with-
4 out displaying a flag in a visible manner such that operators of other
5 vessels in the area may reasonably determine that:

6 (i) a person being towed is in the water; or

7 (ii) a person is either preparing to be towed or is finishing being
8 towed.

9 (b) The flag required pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision
10 shall be:

11 (i) colored international orange;

12 (ii) at least twelve square inches in size; and

13 (iii) mounted on a boarding handle or other safety handle.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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