

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2025

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Introduced by M. of A. P. CARROLL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to authorize the department of environmental conservation to  
establish the Lake DeForest Flood Control Pilot Program; and providing  
for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The department of environmental conservation shall estab-  
2 lish the Lake DeForest Flood Control Pilot Program to regulate the  
3 volume and releases of water from the Lake DeForest reservoir, which is  
4 operated by a privately owned waterworks corporation as defined in  
5 section 2 of the public service law, to mitigate downstream flooding, to  
6 the maximum extent practicable while recognizing and ensuring the prima-  
7 ry purpose of the availability of sufficient quality drinking water. The  
8 department shall promulgate rules and regulations describing the circum-  
9 stances in which flood control authority may be used including the  
10 anticipation of a major weather event, large inflow of water into reser-  
11 voirs, dam safety, seasonal precipitation schedules or any other condi-  
12 tion that may reasonably cause unnecessary flooding to surrounding  
13 areas.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect December 31, 2026 and shall expire and  
15 be deemed repealed December 31, 2036.

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

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