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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, CLARK, LUNSFORD, MANKTELOW, STIRPE, WALSH, WOERNER, JENSEN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the canal law, in relation to the general powers and duties of the canal corporation

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 10 of the canal law, as amended
2 by chapter 420 of the laws of 1968, is amended and two new subdivisions
3 6-a and 8-a are added to read as follows:

4 6-a. Cause the locks and lift bridges of the canal system to be oper-
5 ated annually for the passage of commercial and recreational traffic
6 between May first and November fifteenth, generally, subject to natural
7 conditions, weather, required maintenance, capital rehabilitation work,
8 or other factors related to safe canal operation.

9 8-a. Maintain and preserve the integrity of the Erie Canal's historic
10 resources, including its structures, floating plant, and unique landside
11 features.

12 14. Permit boat owners operating upon the canal system to use state
13 drydocks while making emergency repairs to their vessels. Provided,
14 however, that commercial boat companies operating upon the canal system
15 may be permitted to use state drydocks, travel lifts or other facilities
16 for required coast guard drydock inspections, for non-navigation season
17 storage, or while making emergency repairs to their vessels at rates
18 prescribed under subchapter D of chapter III of title twenty-one of the
19 New York state codes, rules, and regulations.

20 § 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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