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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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

4-b. (a) No person shall use or operate a vessel to tow a person without displaying a flag in a visible manner such that operators of other vessels in the area may reasonably determine that:

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

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

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

(i) colored international orange;

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

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

§ 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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