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# IN ASSEMBLY

**(Prefiled)**

January 8, 2025

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:**

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

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

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

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

§ 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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