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Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the canal law, in relation to directing the canal corporation to create a chart to identify, map and model normal and flood water flows in the Oswego river basin and the Mohawk river basin

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

1 Section 1. The canal law is amended by adding a new section 135 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 135. Upstate river basins chart. The canal corporation, in consulta-
4 tion with the department of environmental conservation, shall, by June
5 thirtieth, two thousand twenty-seven, create a chart to identify, map
6 and model normal and flood water flows in the Oswego river basin and the
7 Mohawk river basin, which shall mean a watershed in the state of New
8 York comprised of all rivers, streams, creeks, lakes, reservoirs and the
9 surrounding land areas or other drainage, including but not limited to
10 canals, that drains or flows via the Oswego river into Lake Ontario and
11 a watershed in the state of New York comprised of all rivers, streams,
12 creeks, lakes, reservoirs and the surrounding land areas or other drain-
13 age, including but not limited to canals, that drains or flows via the
14 Mohawk river into the Hudson river, respectively. The chart shall be
15 created with the Hydrologic Engineering Center River Analysis System
16 (HEC-RAS), and bathymetric and/or light detection and ranging (LiDAR)
17 measurements, as applicable. The chart shall, in addition to such other
18 data as the canal corporation may determine to be included, consist of
19 the chart as created and required by this section, together with other
20 available data on basins, whether assisted by the state of New York
21 under a provision of the laws of the state of New York, or assembled by
22 federal or local governmental or private agencies, all of which such
23 information shall be assembled and integrated, as applicable, into a map

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

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1 and model of the Oswego river basin and the Mohawk river basin. Addi-
2 tionally, the canal corporation shall update the chart every five years
3 and shall periodically review such chart to ensure that it effectuates
4 the purposes of this section. As soon as practicable, the canal corpo-
5 ration shall make the chart available to the public for inspection and
6 examination at every division office of the canal corporation located in
7 a county in which the Oswego river basin or the Mohawk river basin is
8 wholly or partially located in and on the corporation's website. Digital
9 files of the chart, including the map and model, shall also be made
10 available, upon request, to the clerk of each county, city, town or
11 village in which the Oswego river basin or the Mohawk river basin or a
12 portion thereof is located. The canal corporation shall, by July first,
13 two thousand twenty-seven, submit a report of the findings of the chart,
14 including normal and flood flows, to the governor, the temporary presi-
15 dent of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of
16 the senate and the minority leader of the assembly.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.