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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to entitling each member of the legislature to bring one substantive piece of legislation of his or her choosing to the floor for a vote without a home rule message and committee review during each two-year term

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "sensible  
2     opportunity for legislative equality (SOLE) act".  
3     S 2. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 33-a to  
4     read as follows:  
5     S 33-A. ENTITLEMENT TO ONE SUBSTANTIVE BILL DURING EACH TWO-YEAR  
6     TERM. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, DURING EACH  
7     TWO-YEAR TERM OF THE LEGISLATURE, EACH MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE  
8     AT LEAST ONE SUBSTANTIVE PIECE OF LEGISLATION, OF HIS OR HER CHOOSING,  
9     EXCLUSIVE OF ANY BILL ACCOMPANIED BY A HOME RULE MESSAGE, DISCHARGED  
10    FROM COMMITTEE AND BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE. A MEMBER MAY BRING  
11    SUCH BILL TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE BY FILING A WRITTEN NOTICE WITH THE  
12    CLERK OF SENATE DESK OPERATIONS OR THE INDEX CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY ON A  
13    FORM PROVIDED BY SUCH CLERK.  
14    S 3. 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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