

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 7, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to what qualifies as an applicable, timely and relevant economic issue for no fault separation

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 200 of the domestic relations law,
2 as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the domestic
3 relations law relating to allowing for no fault separation, as proposed
4 in legislative bills numbers S. 1261-A and A. 3392-A, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 6. The relationship between the spouses has broken down irretrievably
7 for a period of at least six months, provided that one party has so
8 stated under oath. No [~~action~~] judgment for separation shall be [~~main-~~
9 ~~tained~~] granted under this subdivision unless and until [~~the~~] any appli-
10 cable, timely and relevant economic issues [~~of~~], which may include the
11 payment or waiver of spousal support, the payment of child support, the
12 payment of counsel and experts' fees and expenses as well as the custody
13 and visitation with the infant children of the marriage, have been
14 resolved by the parties, or determined by the court and incorporated
15 into the action.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
17 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the domestic relations
18 law relating to allowing for no fault separation, as proposed in legis-
19 lative bills numbers S. 1261-A and A. 3392-A, takes effect.

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

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