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:

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

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the domestic relations law relating to allowing for no fault separation, as proposed in legislative 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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