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AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to prohibiting the legislature from recessing after the commencement of the state fiscal year until it has enacted a budget for such year

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 5 of the legislative law, as added  
2     by chapter 635 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:  
3     3. "Legislative passage of the budget", solely for the purposes of  
4     this section and [section] SECTIONS five-a AND FIFTY-THREE-A of this  
5     article, shall mean that the appropriation bill or bills submitted by  
6     the governor pursuant to section three of article seven of the state  
7     constitution have been finally acted on by both houses of the legisla-  
8     ture in accordance with article seven of the state constitution and the  
9     state comptroller has determined that such appropriation bill or bills  
10    that have been finally acted on by the legislature are sufficient for  
11    the ongoing operation and support of state government and local assist-  
12    ance for the ensuing fiscal year. In addition, legislation submitted by  
13    the governor pursuant to section three of article seven of the state  
14    constitution determined necessary by the legislature for the effective  
15    implementation of such appropriation bill or bills shall have been acted  
16    on. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the prohibition  
17    contained in section five of article seven of the state constitution.  
18    S 2. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 53-a to  
19    read as follows:  
20    S 53-A. FAILURE TO ENACT A TIMELY BUDGET; PROHIBIT RECESS. IF UPON THE  
21    COMMENCEMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE OF THE  
22    STATE FINANCE LAW, LEGISLATIVE PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET, AS DEFINED IN  
23    SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, HAS NOT OCCURRED, THE  
24    LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT RECESS UNTIL SUCH PASSAGE OCCURS, EXCEPT THAT THE  
25    LEGISLATURE MAY RECESS DURING SUCH PERIOD FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.  
26    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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