STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 23, 2018

Introduced by M. of A. OAKS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the legislative law and the state finance law, in relation to sufficiency of itemization in budget bills

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

Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 53-a to read as follows:

§ 53-a. Budget item identification and limitation. All budget bills submitted by the governor pursuant to section three of article seven of the constitution, containing proposed legislation, shall clearly identify a corresponding appropriation within the budget appropriation bills submitted by the governor for that fiscal year. The legislature shall not act upon budget bills, pursuant to section three of article seven of the constitution submitted by the governor, unless such bills have been sufficiently itemized by setting forth, with particularity, the section of the corresponding appropriation. Provided, however, this section shall not apply to proposed legislation that amends the tax law.

§ 2. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 24 of the state finance law, as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

The budget submitted annually by the governor shall be simultaneously accompanied by a bill or bills for all proposed appropriations and reappropriations and for the proposed measures of taxation or other legislation, if any, recommended therein. Such bills shall be submitted by the governor and shall be known as budget bills. **Such budget bills shall clearly reference the section in the accompanying bill or bills where the corresponding appropriation or reappropriation can be located.**

§ 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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