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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to establishing a cause of action for intrusion upon seclusion

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

- 1 Section 1. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section  
2 50-h to read as follows:  
3 § 50-h. Intrusion upon seclusion. 1. A person shall have a cause of  
4 action against any person who intentionally intrudes, physically or  
5 otherwise, upon the solitude or seclusion of another or their private  
6 affairs or concerns if such intrusion would be highly offensive to a  
7 reasonable person.  
8 2. In any action commenced pursuant to subdivision one of this  
9 section, the finder of fact, in its discretion, may award injunctive  
10 relief, punitive damages, compensatory damages and reasonable court  
11 costs and attorney's fees.  
12 3. Liability for a violation of subdivision one of this section shall  
13 not depend upon any publicity given to the person whose interest is  
14 invaded or to their affairs.  
15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
16 have become a law.

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

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