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HOUSE BILL 1631

By: Representative C. Douglas

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AWARD OF ALIMONY AND
MODIFICATION OF AN AWARD OF ALIMONY IN A DIVORCE CASE
WHERE DOMESTIC ABUSE HAS OCCURRED; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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MODIFICATION OF AN AWARD OF ALIMONY IN A
DIVORCE CASE WHERE DOMESTIC ABUSE HAS
OCCURRED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-12-312, concerning the award of alimony and child support, is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

(h) Alimony shall not be awarded to a person convicted of an offense involving domestic violence against the payer spouse who is the victim of that crime or offense.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-12-314(a), concerning the modification of an award of alimony, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The court, upon application of either party, may make ~~such~~ alterations ~~from time to time, as~~ to the allowance of alimony and maintenance as may be proper and may order ~~any~~ a reasonable sum to be paid for the

1 support of the wife or the husband ~~during the pending of~~ while a complaint
2 for a divorce is pending.

3 (2) If the recipient of an existing alimony award is
4 subsequently convicted of an offense involving domestic violence against the
5 payer spouse, the conviction shall constitute changed circumstances for the
6 purposes of a petition to terminate the alimony award.

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