

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Maddox**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1131

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IF EITHER PARTY TO A DIVORCE
9 ACTION REQUESTS MARRIAGE COUNSELING, THE COURT SHALL NOT
10 ENTER AN ORDER OF DIVORCE UNTIL THE PARTIES HAVE UNDERGONE
11 COUNSELING; OR *FINDS THERE IS NO REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF*
12 *RECONCILIATION* AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. If either party to a divorce action filed after the
17 effective date of this Act informs the judge that he or she desires that both
18 parties seek marriage counseling, the judge shall not thereafter enter an
19 order of divorce until the judge is satisfied that the parties have submitted
20 to marriage counseling or that there is no reasonable expectation of
21 reconciliation. The party requesting marriage counseling shall bear the
22 expense thereof.

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24 SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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28 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
30 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
32 Act are declared to be severable.

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34 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
35 hereby repealed.

