

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2474

5 By: Representative Martin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE DEFENDANTS TO REIMBURSE ABUSE  
10 SHELTERS OR OTHER ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO  
11 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 REIMBURSE ABUSE SHELTERS OR OTHER  
17 ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO VICTIMS  
18 OF DOMESTIC ABUSE.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-26-310 is amended to read as follows:  
24 5-26-310. Costs.

25 (a) The abused in any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense  
26 shall not bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges  
27 against the domestic violence offender, or the costs associated with the  
28 issuance or service of a warrant and witness subpoena, except as provided in  
29 subsection (b) of this section.

30 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a judge  
31 from assessing costs if the allegations of abuse are determined to be false.

32 (c)(1) Upon entering a plea of guilty, nolo contendere or being found  
33 guilty, a defendant violating §§ 5-26-303, 5-26-304, 5-26-305, 5-26-307, 5-  
34 26-308, or 5-26-309, may be required to reimburse any abuse shelter or other  
35 entity providing services to the victim, under the provisions of the Arkansas  
36 Crime Victims Reparations Act, §§ 16-90-701 et seq., provided some proof of



1 expense is provided, in conjunction with the Arkansas Crime Victims  
2 Reparations Act, §§ 16-90-701 et seq.

3 (2)(A) If the defendant maintains the home in which the  
4 abuse occurred, and the victim will continue to incur lodging costs, the  
5 defendant may be ordered to continue to provide remuneration for the victim's  
6 lodging, under the provisions of the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Act,  
7 §§ 16-90-701 et seq., unless and until an action shall be commenced in a  
8 court of competent jurisdiction.

9 (B) Nothing in this section shall conflict with or pre-  
10 empt any orders of a judge in a divorce, custody, separate maintenance, or  
11 other related actions to dissolve the marriage.

12 (D) Nothing in this section shall conflict with or pre-empt provisions  
13 of § 16-90-703.

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15 /s/ Martin  
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