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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1631

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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15 MODIFICATION OF AN AWARD OF ALIMONY IN A
16 DIVORCE CASE WHERE DOMESTIC ABUSE HAS
17 OCCURRED.
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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 § 9-12-312, concerning the award of alimony
24 and child support, is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

25 (h) Alimony shall not be awarded to a person convicted of an offense
26 involving domestic violence against the payer spouse who is the victim of
27 that crime or offense.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-12-314(a), concerning the modification of
30 an award of alimony, is amended to read as follows:

31 (a)(1) The court, upon application of either party, may make ~~such~~
32 alterations ~~from time to time, as~~ to the allowance of alimony and maintenance
33 as may be proper and may order ~~any~~ a reasonable sum to be paid for the
34 support of the wife or the husband ~~during the pending of~~ while a complaint
35 for a divorce is pending.

36 (2) If the recipient of an existing alimony award is



1 subsequently convicted of an offense involving domestic violence against the
2 payer spouse, the conviction shall constitute changed circumstances for the
3 purposes of a petition to terminate the alimony award.

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