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6 By: Representative C. Douglas

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

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

16 Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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

33 (a)(1) The court, upon application of either party, may make ~~such~~
34 alterations ~~from time to time, as~~ to the allowance of alimony and maintenance
35 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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