

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 1691

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5 By: Representatives Judy, Borhauer, Shoffner
6 By: Senator Mahony

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 *AN ACT TO CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR VICTIMS OF*
11 *DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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13 **Subtitle**

14 *THE ARKANSAS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT*
15 *OF 2001.*

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

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20 SECTION 1. (a) Purpose. It is the purpose of this section to protect
21 the civil rights of victims of gender motivated violence and to promote public
22 safety, health, and activities by establishing a state civil rights cause of
23 action for victims of crimes of violence motivated by gender.

24 (b) Definitions. For purposes of this section:

25 (1) "Act of violence motivated by gender" means an act of
26 violence committed because of gender or on the basis of gender, and due, at
27 least in part, to an animus based on the victim's gender; and

28 (2)(A) "Act of violence" means any violation of Arkansas law
29 where a person purposely or knowingly causes, or threatens to cause, death or
30 physical injury to another person or persons, specifically including rape,
31 whether or not those acts have actually resulted in criminal charges,
32 prosecution, or conviction; and

33 (B) "Act of violence" includes any violation of Arkansas
34 law that would be a violent act as described in subdivision (A) but for the
35 relationship between the person who commits the violation and the individual
36 against whom the violation is committed.

