

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005  
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As Engrossed: H2/3/05  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1285

5 By: Representative Thyer  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE COMMON LAW DOCTRINE OF  
10 NECESSARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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12 **Subtitle**

13 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE COMMON LAW  
14 DOCTRINE OF NECESSARIES.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 11, Subchapter 5 is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 9-11-516. Doctrine of necessities abolished.

22 The common law "doctrine of necessities", as it relates to the  
23 liability of one (1) spouse for the other spouse's debts, is abolished, and  
24 no spouse will be liable for the other spouse's debts arising solely by  
25 reason of the marriage.  
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27 /s/ Thyer  
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