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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1361

5 By: Representative Speaks
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE OR SEPARATION
9 UNDER THE COVENANT MARRIAGE ACT OF 2001; TO ADD
10 MENTAL ABUSE AS A GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE AND SEPARATION
11 UNDER THE COVENANT MARRIAGE ACT OF 2001; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 SEPARATION UNDER THE COVENANT MARRIAGE
17 ACT OF 2001; AND TO ADD MENTAL ABUSE AS A
18 GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE AND SEPARATION UNDER
19 THE COVENANT MARRIAGE ACT OF 2001.
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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 § 9-11-808(a)(3), concerning divorce or
26 separation, is amended to read as follows:

27 (3) The other spouse has mentally, physically, or sexually
28 abused the spouse seeking the divorce or a child of one (1) of the spouses;
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-11-808(b)(3), concerning divorce or
31 separation, is amended to read as follows:

32 (3) The other spouse has mentally, physically, or sexually
33 abused the spouse seeking the legal separation or divorce or a child of one
34 (1) of the spouses;
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