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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1943

5 By: Representative C. Douglas
6 *By: Senator Collins-Smith*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE AWARD OF ALIMONY TO PERSONS
10 CONVICTED OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PROHIBIT THE AWARD OF ALIMONY TO
16 PERSONS CONVICTED OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
17 OFFENSE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-12-312, concerning the award of alimony
23 and child support, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as
24 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 reasonable sum to be paid for the support
34 of the wife or the husband ~~during the pending of~~ while a complaint for a
35 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 a change in circumstances for
3 the purpose of a petition to terminate the alimony award.

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