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A Bill

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5 By: Representative C. Douglas
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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14 TO PROHIBIT THE AWARD OF ALIMONY TO
15 PERSONS CONVICTED OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
16 OFFENSE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-12-312, concerning the award of alimony
22 and child support, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as
23 follows:

24 (h) Alimony shall not be awarded to a person convicted of an offense
25 involving domestic violence against the payer spouse who is the victim of
26 that crime or offense.
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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-12-314(a), concerning the modification of
29 an award of alimony, is amended to read as follows:

30 (a)(1) The court, upon application of either party, may make ~~such~~
31 alterations ~~from time to time, as~~ to the allowance of alimony and maintenance
32 as may be proper and may order any reasonable sum to be paid for the support
33 of the wife or the husband ~~during the pending of~~ while a complaint for a
34 divorce is pending.

35 (2) If the recipient of an existing alimony award is
36 subsequently convicted of an offense involving domestic violence against the



1 payer spouse, the conviction shall constitute a change in circumstances for
2 the purpose of a petition to terminate the alimony award.

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