

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 701 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
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As Engrossed: S3/16/15  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1587

By: Representative Sturch

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO INCLUDE IN-LAWS IN THE DEFINITION OF  
"FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS" FOR THE DOMESTIC ABUSE  
ACT OF 1991; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO INCLUDE IN-LAWS IN THE DEFINITION OF  
"FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS" FOR THE  
DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT OF 1991.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-15-103(4), concerning the definition of family or house family members, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Family or household members" means spouses, former spouses, parents and children, persons related by blood within the fourth degree of consanguinity, in-laws, any children residing in the household, persons who presently or in the past have resided or cohabited together, persons who have or have had a child in common, and persons who are presently or in the past have been in a dating relationship together.

*SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-15-103, concerning the definitions for the Domestic Abuse Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:*

*(5) "In-laws" means persons related by marriage within the second degree of consanguinity.*

/s/Sturch **APPROVED: 03/25/2015**

