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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1631

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AWARD OF ALIMONY AND  
MODIFICATION OF AN AWARD OF ALIMONY IN A DIVORCE CASE  
WHERE DOMESTIC ABUSE HAS OCCURRED; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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MODIFICATION OF AN AWARD OF ALIMONY IN A  
DIVORCE CASE WHERE DOMESTIC ABUSE HAS  
OCCURRED.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-12-312, concerning the award of alimony and child support, is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

(h) Alimony shall not be awarded to a person convicted of an offense involving domestic violence against the payer spouse who is the victim of that crime or offense.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-12-314(a), concerning the modification of an award of alimony, is amended to read as follows:

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

(2) If the recipient of an existing alimony award is



subsequently convicted of an offense involving domestic violence against the payer spouse, the conviction shall constitute changed circumstances for the purposes of a petition to terminate the alimony award.