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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1663

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AN AWARD OF ALIMONY OR TERMINATE
10 ALIMONY FOR A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE
11 COMMITTED AN ACT OF DOMESTIC ABUSE UNDER THE DOMESTIC
12 ABUSE ACT OF 1991 WHEN THE VICTIM WOULD BE THE PAYOR
13 OF ALIMONY; TO PROHIBIT AN AWARD OF ALIMONY OR
14 TERMINATE ALIMONY OR A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN FOUND TO
15 HAVE COMMITTED AN OFFENSE OF DOMESTIC BATTERING OR
16 ASSAULT ON A FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WHEN THE
17 VICTIM WOULD BE THE PAYOR OF ALIMONY; AND FOR OTHER
18 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 TO PROHIBIT AN AWARD OF ALIMONY OR
23 TERMINATE ALIMONY FOR A PERSON WHO HAS
24 BEEN FOUND TO HAVE COMMITTED AN ACT OF
25 CIVIL OR CRIMINAL DOMESTIC ABUSE WHEN
26 THE VICTIM WOULD BE THE PAYOR OF
27 ALIMONY.
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 12, Subchapter 3, is amended
32 to add an additional section to read as follows:

33 9-12-326. Prohibition or termination of alimony in cases of domestic
34 abuse or other domestic offenses.

35 (a)(1) If a petitioner for alimony was found to have committed an act
36 of domestic abuse in a matter brought under the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, §



1 9-15-101 et seq., and the victim of the act of domestic abuse is the
 2 respondent in the divorce or alimony petition, the court shall deny the
 3 petitioner an award of alimony.

4 (2)(A) If a person currently receiving an award of alimony is
 5 subsequently found to have committed an act of domestic abuse in a matter
 6 brought under the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, § 9-15-101 et seq., and the
 7 victim of the act of domestic abuse is the payor of alimony, the court may
 8 terminate the award of alimony from the date of the finding of domestic
 9 abuse.

10 (B) A finding that a person currently receiving an award
 11 of alimony has subsequently committed an act of domestic abuse in a matter
 12 brought under the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, § 9-15-101 et seq., shall be
 13 considered a significant and material change in circumstances under § 9-12-
 14 312(a)(7) when the victim of the act of domestic abuse is the payor of
 15 alimony.

16 (b)(1) The court shall deny a petitioner for alimony an award of
 17 alimony if the petitioner was convicted of any of the following offenses and
 18 the victim of the offense is the respondent in the divorce or alimony
 19 petition:

- 20 (A) Domestic battering in the first degree, § 5-26-303;
- 21 (B) Domestic battering in the second degree, § 5-26-304;
- 22 (C) Domestic battering in the third degree, § 5-26-305;
- 23 (D) Aggravated assault on a family or household member, §
 24 5-26-306;
- 25 (E) First degree assault on family or household member, §
 26 5-26-307;
- 27 (F) Second degree assault on a family or household member,
 28 § 5-26-308; or
- 29 (G) Third degree assault on a family or household member,
 30 § 5-26-309.

31 (2)(A) If a person currently receiving an award of alimony is
 32 subsequently convicted of any of the offenses listed in subdivision (b)(1) of
 33 this section and the victim of the offense is the payor of alimony, the court
 34 may terminate the award of alimony from the date of the person's conviction.

35 (B) A finding that a person currently receiving an award
 36 of alimony has been subsequently convicted of any of the offenses listed in

1 subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be considered a significant and
2 material change in circumstances under § 9-12-312(a)(7) when the victim of
3 the offense is the payor of alimony.

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