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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1431

5 By: Representatives K. Moore, McCullough, Hudson  
6 By: Senator Irvin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS UNDER THE DOMESTIC  
10 ABUSE ACT OF 1991; TO PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF AN  
11 ORDER OF PROTECTION ENJOINING A PARTY FROM ENGAGING  
12 IN COURSE OF CONTROL OR DISTURBING THE PEACE EX  
13 PARTE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS UNDER THE  
18 DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT OF 1991; AND TO  
19 PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF  
20 PROTECTION ENJOINING A PARTY FROM  
21 ENGAGING IN COURSE OF CONTROL OR  
22 DISTURBING THE PEACE EX PARTE.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-15-103(4), concerning the definition of  
27 "domestic abuse" under the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 (4) "Domestic abuse" means:

30 (A) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the  
31 infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault  
32 between family or household members; ~~or~~

33 (B) Any sexual conduct between family or household  
34 members, whether minors or adults, that constitutes a crime under the laws of  
35 this state; or

36 (C) A pattern of behavior as defined by "course of



1 control" or "disturbing the peace" under § 9-15-219;  
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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-15-219(a)(2), concerning the definition  
 4 of "disturbing the peace" under the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, is amended to  
 5 read as follows:

6 (2)(A) "Disturbing the peace" means a pattern of behavior that  
 7 unreasonably destroys the mental or emotional calm of a family or household  
 8 member based on the totality of the circumstances.

9 ~~(B) "Disturbing the peace" includes without limitation~~  
 10 ~~course of control.~~

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 12 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-15-219(b), concerning the entry of an  
 13 order enjoining a party from engaging in course of control or disturbing the  
 14 peace under the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

15 (b) A court may enter an ~~ex parte~~ order enjoining a party from  
 16 engaging in course of control or disturbing the peace, including without  
 17 limitation through one (1) or more of the following acts:

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