

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Stargel moved the following:

## Senate Amendment

Delete lines 345 - 372

and insert:

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(8) (a) There is a rebuttable presumption against awarding alimony for a short-term marriage. A party seeking bridge-thegap or rehabilitative alimony may overcome this presumption by demonstrating by a preponderance of the evidence a need for alimony. A party seeking durational alimony may overcome this presumption by demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence a need for alimony. If the court finds that the party has met its burden in demonstrating a need for alimony and that the other party has the ability to pay alimony, the court shall determine 14

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a monthly award of alimony which may not exceed 20 percent of the obligor's gross monthly income, as calculated under s. 61.30(2)(a), with the exception that gross income does not include, consistent with paragraph (3)(h), sources of income acquired outside of the marriage which were not relied upon during the marriage.

(b) There is no presumption in favor of either party to an award of alimony for a mid-term marriage. A party seeking such alimony must prove by a preponderance of the evidence a need for alimony. If the court finds that the party has met its burden in demonstrating a need for alimony and that the other party has the ability to pay alimony, the court shall determine a monthly alimony obligation that may not exceed 30 percent of the obligor's gross monthly income, as calculated under s. 61.30(2)(a), with the exception that gross income does not include, consistent with paragraph (3)(h), sources of income acquired outside of the marriage which were not relied upon during the marriage.

(c) There is a rebuttable presumption in favor of awarding alimony for a long-term marriage. A party against whom alimony is sought may overcome this presumption by demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that there is no need for alimony. If the court finds that the party against whom alimony is sought fails to meet its burden to demonstrate that there is no need for alimony and that the party has the ability to pay alimony, the court shall determine a monthly alimony obligation that may not exceed 33 percent of the obligor's gross monthly income, as calculated under s. 61.30(2)(a), with the exception that gross income does not include, consistent with paragraph (3)(h),



43 sources of income acquired outside of the marriage which were not relied upon during the marriage. 44