

## H.B. 236 ALIMONY MODIFICATIONS

Representative **Stephen E. Sandstrom** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 4, Lines 108 through 110:*

108           ~~(b)~~ (c) The court may consider the fault of the parties in determining ~~[alimony.]~~  
109   whether or not to award alimony **, as well as the amount and duration** . An alimony award is not  
110   considered punitive if it complies  
110   with this subsection.

2. *Page 4, Lines 111 through 113:*

111           (d) "Fault" means that one party committed substantiated acts or engaged in  
112   substantiated behavior during the marriage that unilaterally and substantially compromised the  
113   marriage, or unilaterally and substantially harmed the {~~health,~~} safety {~~s~~} or financial stability of the

3. *Page 5, Line 151 through Page 6, Line 155:*

151           ~~(h)~~ (l) Alimony may not be ordered for a duration longer than the number of years  
152   that the marriage existed ~~[, at any time prior to termination of alimony,]~~ the court finds:  
153           (i) the payor spouse was at fault in the divorce;  
              **(ii) the recipient spouse refrained from significant employment during the marriage to provide**  
              **care for the parties' minor children;**  
              **(iii) the parties will still have minor children beyond the number of years the marriage existed;** or  
154           {~~(ii)~~} **(iv)** at any time prior to termination of alimony, extenuating circumstances that justify  
155   the payment of alimony for a longer period of time.