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# H. R. 1076

To amend the Legal Services Corporation Act to prescribe an income rule for determining if a client who is a victim of domestic violence is eligible for assistance.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1997

Mr. PELOSI (for herself, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BE-REUTER, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. GREEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. LaFALCE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. MOLINARI, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLVER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. SABO, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STARK, Mr. TORRES, Ms. WATERS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. YATES, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Domestic Violence  
3 Legal Services Eligibility Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCOME RULE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIO-**  
5 **LENCE.**

6       Section 1007(a) of the Legal Services Corporation  
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 2996f(a)) is amended by inserting after  
8 and below paragraph (10) the following: “In establishing  
9 income levels under paragraph (2)(A) to determine if a  
10 client is eligible for assistance, the Corporation, in the case  
11 of a client who is the victim of domestic violence, shall  
12 prescribe that only the income of such a client will be con-  
13 sidered in making such determination. For purposes of the  
14 preceding sentence, the term ‘domestic violence’ has the  
15 meaning given such term by section 2003(1) of the Omni-  
16 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1988 (42  
17 U.S.C. 3796gg-2(1)).”.

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