

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to alimony; amending s. 61.08, F.S.;

3 requiring the court to consider and make a finding of fact

4 concerning the existence of a supportive relationship

5 between an obligee and a person who is not related by

6 consanguinity or affinity and with whom the obligee

7 resides when determining a proper award of alimony;

8 providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) of

13 section 61.08, Florida Statutes, and subsection (1) of that

14 section is reenacted, to read:

15 61.08 Alimony.--

16 (1) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, the court

17 may grant alimony to either party, which alimony may be

18 rehabilitative or permanent in nature. In any award of alimony,

19 the court may order periodic payments or payments in lump sum or

20 both. The court may consider the adultery of either spouse and

21 the circumstances thereof in determining the amount of alimony,

22 if any, to be awarded. In all dissolution actions, the court

23 shall include findings of fact relative to the factors enumerated

24 in subsection (2) supporting an award or denial of alimony.

25 (2) In determining a proper award of alimony or

26 maintenance, the court shall consider all relevant economic

27 factors, including but not limited to:

28 (h) The existence of a supportive relationship between an

29 obligee and a person who is not related by consanguinity or

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30 affinity and with whom the obligee resides as set forth in s.
31 61.14(1)(b)2.

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33 The court may consider any other factor necessary to do equity
34 and justice between the parties.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.