

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to dissolution of marriage; amending
 3 s. 61.021, F.S.; providing an exception to residency
 4 requirements to obtain a dissolution of marriage;
 5 providing definitions; providing an effective date.

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

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 9 Section 1. Section 61.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 10 read:

11 61.021 Residence requirements.—

12 (1) To obtain a dissolution of marriage, one of the
 13 parties to the marriage must reside 6 months in the state before
 14 the filing of the petition unless the party filing the petition
 15 alleges domestic violence or threat of domestic violence by the
 16 spouse or other member of the household, emotional abuse by the
 17 spouse, or refusal to provide reasonable financial support by
 18 the spouse to the party or the party's dependent children.

19 (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

20 (a) "Domestic violence" means any assault, aggravated
 21 assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual
 22 battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false
 23 imprisonment, or any criminal offense that results in the
 24 physical injury or death of one family or household member by
 25 another.

26 (b) "Emotional abuse" means yelling, bullying,

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27 | intimidating, insulting, humiliating, blaming, shaming,
28 | isolating, or controlling or withholding money.

29 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.