

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1260 (Substitute for House Bill No. 738 by Representative Nancy Landry)

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:237(C), relative to covenant marriages; to provide for notice
3 of certain expenses; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 9:237(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §237. Information on matrimonial regime and covenant marriage laws; printed
7 summary

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9 C. The summary of covenant marriage law shall emphasize that premarital
10 counseling is mandatory at which time the necessary documents consisting of the
11 declaration of intent and the affidavit and attestation of the counselor shall be
12 executed, that the couple agrees to take all reasonable steps to preserve their
13 marriage if marital difficulties arise, including marriage counseling, that divorce in
14 a covenant marriage is restricted to fault by a spouse and living separate and apart
15 for two years as provided in R.S. 9:307, that expenses for additional legal and marital
16 counseling may be incurred by the couple in order to obtain a legal termination of
17 a covenant marriage, and that divorce under the general marriage law of this state
18 differs significantly.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____