

Regular Session, 2014

# ACT No. 360

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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_