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## **SENATE BILL NO. 61**

Offered January 12, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-69.24 of the Code of Virginia, relating to contempt of court; penalty.

## Patron—Trumbo

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 16.1-69.24 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-69.24. Contempt of court.

A judge of a district court shall have the same powers and jurisdiction as a judge of a circuit court to punish summarily for contempt, but in no case shall the fine exceed fifty dollars \$250 and imprisonment exceed ten days for the same contempt. From any such fine or sentence there shall be an appeal of right within the period prescribed in this title and to the court or courts designated therein for appeals in other cases and the proceedings on such appeal shall conform in all respects to the provisions of §§ 18.2-456 through 18.2-459.