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SENATE BILL NO. 974

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-375 of the Code of Virginia, relating to witnesses in civil cases.

Patrons—Norment and Stolle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.01-375 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-375. Exclusion of witnesses in civil cases.

The court trying any civil case may upon its own motion and shall upon the motion of any party, require the exclusion of every witness. However, each named party who is an individual, one officer or agent of each party which is a corporation or association and an attorney alleged in a habeas corpus proceeding to have acted ineffectively shall be exempt from the rule of this section as a matter of right. Where expert witnesses are to testify in the case, the court ~~may~~ *shall*, *except for good cause shown*, at the request of all parties, allow one *material and one nonmaterial* expert witness for each party to remain in the courtroom.

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