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HOUSE BILL NO. 95

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 17.1-405 and 19.2-318 of the Code of Virginia, relating to jurisdiction of Court of Appeals; contempt of court.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 17.1-405 and 19.2-318 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 17.1-405. Appellate jurisdiction — Administrative agency, Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, and domestic relations appeals.

Any aggrieved party may appeal to the Court of Appeals from:

1. Any final decision of a circuit court on appeal from (i) a decision of an administrative agency, or
- (ii) a grievance hearing decision issued pursuant to § 2.2-3005;
2. Any final decision of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission;
3. Any final judgment, order, or decree of a circuit court involving:
 - a. Affirmance or annulment of a marriage;
 - b. Divorce;
 - c. Custody;
 - d. Spousal or child support;
 - e. The control or disposition of a child;
 - f. Any other domestic relations matter arising under Title 16.1 or Title 20;
 - g. Adoption under Chapter 12 (§ 63.2-1200 et seq.) of Title 63.2; or
 - h. A final grievance hearing decision issued pursuant to subsection B of § 2.2-3007; or
 - i. *Any judgment holding or failing to hold a person in civil or criminal contempt of court in accordance with § 19.2-318.*
4. Any interlocutory decree or order entered in any of the cases listed in this section (i) granting, dissolving, or denying an injunction or (ii) adjudicating the principles of a cause.

§ 19.2-318. Appeal on writ of error to judgment for contempt.

From a judgment ~~for any holding or failing to hold a person in~~ civil contempt of court, an appeal may be taken to the Court of Appeals. A writ of error shall lie from the Court of Appeals to a judgment ~~for holding or failing to hold a person in~~ criminal contempt of court. This section shall also be construed to authorize an appeal from or writ of error to a judgment of a circuit court rendered on appeal from a judgment of a district court ~~for holding or failing to hold a person in~~ civil or criminal contempt.

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