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T. JONES, KUZMA AND RIVERA, MAY 6, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further
3 providing for contempt for violation of order or agreement.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 6114(b)(1) introductory paragraph, (3)
7 and (6) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
8 are amended and the subsection is amended by adding paragraphs
9 to read:

10 § 6114. Contempt for violation of order or agreement.

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12 (b) Trial and punishment.--

13 (1) [A sentence for contempt under this chapter may
14 include:] A defendant who is found in contempt under this
15 chapter and was not previously found in contempt under this
16 chapter commits a misdemeanor for which the defendant may be
17 sentenced to:

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1 (1.1) A defendant who is found in contempt under this
2 chapter and was previously found in contempt under this
3 chapter on one occasion commits a misdemeanor of the third
4 degree for which the minimum fine shall be \$500.

5 (1.2) A defendant who is found in contempt under this
6 chapter and was previously found in contempt under this
7 chapter on two occasions commits a misdemeanor of the second
8 degree for which the minimum fine shall be \$500.

9 (1.3) A defendant who is found in contempt under this
10 chapter and was previously found in contempt under this
11 chapter on three or more occasions commits a misdemeanor of
12 the first degree for which the minimum fine shall be \$500.

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14 (3) [The defendant shall not have a right to a jury
15 trial on a charge of indirect criminal contempt. However, the
16 defendant shall be entitled to counsel.] For a first charge
17 of contempt under this chapter, the defendant:

18 (i) Shall not have the right to a jury trial.

19 (ii) Shall be entitled to counsel.

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21 (6) The minimum fine required by subsection (b)(1),
22 (1.1), (1.2) or (1.3) allocated pursuant to subsection (b)(2)
23 (i) and (iii) shall be used to supplement and not to supplant
24 any other source of funds received for the purpose of
25 carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

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27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.