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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 373  
AS AMENDED BY  
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 2

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FAMILY COURT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 901, Title 10 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§901. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, unless the context indicates differently:

(12) "Family" means ~~husband and wife~~ spouses; a ~~man and woman~~ couple cohabitating in a home in which there is a child of either or both; custodian and child; or any group of persons related by blood or marriage who are residing in 1 home under 1 head or where 1 is related to the other by any of the following degrees of relationship, both parties being residents of this State:

- a. Mother;
- b. Father;
- c. Mother-in-law;
- d. Father-in-law;
- e. Brother;
- f. Sister;
- g. Brother-in-law;
- h. Sister-in-law;
- i. Son;

- j. Daughter;
- k. Son-in-law;
- l. Daughter-in-law;
- m. Grandfather;
- n. Grandmother;
- o. Grandson;
- p. Granddaughter;
- q. Stepfather;
- r. Stepmother;
- s. Stepson;
- t. Stepdaughter.

The relationships referred to in this definition include blood relationships without regard to legitimacy and relationships by adoption.

Section 2. Amend § 922(a), Title 10 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§922. Exclusive and concurrent original criminal jurisdiction.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this section, the Court shall have exclusive original criminal jurisdiction in all proceedings in this State concerning the following, the enumeration of which shall not be construed to exclude jurisdiction otherwise conferred upon the Court:

(2) Offenses, except felonies, committed:

- a. by 1 member against another member of the family; ~~and criminal cases, except felonies, in which 1 member of a family is complainant against another member of the family;~~
- b. between former spouses;
- c. persons cohabitating together who are holding themselves out as a couple, with or without a child in common; or
- d. persons living separate and apart with a child in common.