



HOUSE BILL 688: Certain Appeals Allowed/Premarital Agreements.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 688 would provide that an order or judgment pertaining to the validity of a premarital agreement may be immediately appealed.*

CURRENT LAW: The final judgment of a claim may not be appealed until all claims within the action are resolved, unless (1) the judge finds that there is "no just reason for delay"; or (2) an immediate appeal is expressly provided by rule or statute. G.S. 1A-1, Rule 54(b).

G.S. 50-19.1 expressly authorizes immediate appeals of final judgments even if there are other pending claims in the action in the following circumstances: absolute divorce; divorce from bed and board; child custody; child support; alimony; and equitable distribution.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 688 would amend G.S. 50-19.1 to include an order or judgment pertaining to the validity of a premarital agreement as among those orders that may be immediately appealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 688 would be effective when it becomes law.

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