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HOUSE BILL NO. 273

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 65.2-714.1, relating to workers' compensation; payment of medical expenses after award.

Patron—Broman

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 65.2-714.1 as follows:

§ 65.2-714.1. Payment of medical expenses after award of the Commission.

If the Commission finds that the employer or insurer unreasonably delayed or denied payment for medical attention described in subsection A of § 65.2-603, in addition to any other costs, interest or sanction that may apply, the Commission shall award interest to the employee, or health care provider if the employee has not paid the health care provider, on the amount paid for such medical attention at the judgment rate, as provided in § 6.1-330.54, from the date on which it became unreasonable to delay or deny payment, as determined by the Commission.

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