

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 19.2-175 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the compensation of an*
3 *expert witness in certain criminal cases.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 19.2-175 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 19.2-175. Compensation of experts.

9 Each psychiatrist, clinical psychologist or other expert appointed by the court to render professional
10 service pursuant to §§ 19.2-168.1, 19.2-169.1, 19.2-169.5, subsection A of § 19.2-176, §§ 19.2-182.8,
11 19.2-182.9, 19.2-264.3:1, 19.2-264.3:3 or § 19.2-301, who is not regularly employed by the
12 Commonwealth of Virginia except by the University of Virginia School of Medicine and the Medical
13 College of Virginia *Commonwealth University*, shall receive a reasonable fee for such service. *For any*
14 *psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, or other expert appointed by the court to render such professional*
15 *services who is regularly employed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, except by the University of*
16 *Virginia School of Medicine or the Medical College of Virginia Commonwealth University, the fee shall*
17 *be paid only for professional services provided during nonstate hours that have been approved by his*
18 *employing agency as being beyond the scope of his state employment duties.* The fee shall be determined
19 in each instance by the court that appointed the expert, in accordance with guidelines established by the
20 Supreme Court after consultation with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
21 Substance Abuse Services. Except in capital murder cases the fee shall not exceed \$400, but in addition
22 if any such expert is required to appear as a witness in any hearing held pursuant to such sections, he
23 shall receive mileage and a fee of \$100 for each day during which he is required so to serve. An
24 itemized account of expense, duly sworn to, must be presented to the court, and when allowed shall be
25 certified to the Supreme Court for payment out of the state treasury, and be charged against the
26 appropriations made to pay criminal charges. Allowance for the fee and for the per diem authorized
27 shall also be made by order of the court, duly certified to the Supreme Court for payment out of the
28 appropriation to pay criminal charges.

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