

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 65.2-201 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Workers' Compensation*  
3 *Commission; quorum.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 65.2-201 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 65.2-201. General duties and powers of the Commission.**

9 A. It shall be the duty of the Commission to administer this title and adjudicate issues and  
10 controversies relating thereto. In all matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission, it shall have the  
11 power of a court of record to administer oath, to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production  
12 of documents, to punish for contempt, to appoint guardians pursuant to Part C (§ 64.2-1700 et seq.) of  
13 Subtitle IV of Title 64.2, and to enforce compliance with its lawful orders and awards. The Commission  
14 shall make rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this title.

15 B. The Commission may appoint deputies, bailiffs, and such other personnel as it may deem  
16 necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this title.

17 C. The Commission or any member thereof or any person deputized by it may for the purposes of  
18 this title subpoena witnesses, administer or cause to be administered oaths, and examine or cause to be  
19 examined such parts of the books and records of the parties to a proceeding as relate to questions in  
20 dispute arising in instances in which the Commission has power to award compensation. This authority  
21 shall extend to requests from like agencies of other states who honor similar requests from the  
22 Commission.

23 D. The Commission shall publish and, upon request, furnish free of charge, such blank forms and  
24 literature as it shall deem requisite to facilitate or promote the efficient administration of this title. The  
25 Commission shall publish a workers' compensation guide for employees which informs an injured  
26 employee of his rights under this title. If the Commission receives notice of an accident, it shall provide  
27 a workers' compensation guide to the employee.

28 E. A majority of the commissioners, *including any deputy commissioner appointed or retired*  
29 *commissioner recalled pursuant to subsection D of § 65.2-705*, shall constitute a quorum for the exercise  
30 of judicial, legislative, and discretionary functions of the Commission, whether there is a vacancy in the  
31 Commission or not, but a quorum shall not be necessary for the exercise of its administrative functions.

32 F. The Commission shall tabulate the accident reports received from employers in accordance with  
33 § 65.2-900 and shall publish the same in the annual report of the Commission and as often as it may  
34 deem advisable, in such detailed or aggregate form as it may deem best. The name of the employer or  
35 employee shall not appear in such publications, and the employers' reports shall be private records of the  
36 Commission and shall not be open for public inspection except for the inspection by the parties directly  
37 involved, and only to the extent of such interest. These reports shall not be used as evidence against any  
38 employer in any suit at law brought by any employee for the recovery of damages.

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