

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to engage a national research*
3 *organization to examine the implications of covering workers' injuries caused by repetitive motion*
4 *through the Virginia workers' compensation system.*

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6 Approved

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

8 1. § 1. *That the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission shall engage an independent and*
9 *reputable national research organization with expertise in workers' compensation policy to conduct an*
10 *analysis to (i) develop options for covering workers' injuries caused by repetitive motion through the*
11 *Virginia workers' compensation system and (ii) summarize key policy considerations associated with*
12 *modifying the Code of Virginia to cover injuries caused by repetitive motion. The analysis shall take*
13 *into consideration (a) the annual number of injuries caused by repetitive motion to workers in Virginia*
14 *and other states; (b) other states' evidentiary requirements for claiming workers' compensation benefits*
15 *for such injuries; (c) necessary changes to Virginia's statutory provisions; and (d) impacts on workers,*
16 *employers, and insurers. The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission shall ensure that the*
17 *proposed options and policy considerations be submitted to the Chairmen of the House Committee on*
18 *Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by November 30, 2020.*

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