

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 65.2-601.1, relating to workers'*
3 *compensation; resolution and collection of health care provider fees.*

4 [H 580]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 65.2-601.1 as follows:**8 *§ 65.2-601.1. Effect of filing claim; stay of debt collection activities by health care providers.*

9 *A. Whenever an employee makes a claim pursuant to § 65.2-601, all health care providers, as*
10 *defined in § 8.01-581.1, shall refrain from all debt collection activities relating to medical treatment*
11 *received by the employee in connection with such claim until an award is made on the employee's claim*
12 *pursuant to § 65.2-704. The statute of limitations for collection of such debt shall be tolled during the*
13 *period in which the applicable health care provider is required to refrain from debt collection activities*
14 *hereunder.*

15 *B. For the purpose of this section, "debt collection activities" means repeatedly calling or writing to*
16 *the employee and threatening either to turn the matter over to a debt collection agency or to an*
17 *attorney for collection, enforcement or filing of other process. The term shall not include routine billing*
18 *or inquiries about the status of the claim.*

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