

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 65.2-401.1, relating to workers'*
3 *compensation; presumption as to definition of disease.*

4 [H 2067]

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 65.2-401.1 as follows:**8 *§ 65.2-401.1. Presumption as to definition of disease for carpal tunnel syndrome and hearing loss.*

9 *For the purposes of claims for benefits pursuant to §§ 65.2-400 and 65.2-401, carpal tunnel*
10 *syndrome or hearing loss shall be presumed to be medically defined as a disease, unless such*
11 *presumption of disease is overcome by a preponderance of competent evidence to the contrary. The*
12 *presumption pursuant to this section shall in no way alter the claimant's burden of proof or other*
13 *requirements set forth in §§ 65.2-400 and 65.2-401. This section shall not be construed to exclude any*
14 *other ailments from potential coverage pursuant to §§ 65.2-400 and 65.2-401.*

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