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## SENATE BILL NO. 301

Offered January 19, 1996

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 60.2-623 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unemployment compensation; determinations and decisions by Commission; confidentiality of information.*

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Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 60.2-623 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 60.2-623. Procedure generally; confidentiality of information.

A. The manner in which disputed claims shall be presented, reports required from the claimant and from employers, the conduct of hearings and appeals before any deputy, appeal tribunal or the Commission, and transcripts prepared shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Commission for determining the rights of the parties. Such regulations need not conform to common law or statutory rules of evidence and other technical rules of procedure. A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings in connection with a disputed claim. All testimony at any hearing upon a disputed claim shall be recorded, but need not be transcribed unless the disputed claim is further appealed and a timely request for a hearing before the Commission has been made in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Commission.

B. Information furnished the Commission under the provisions of this chapter shall not be published or be open to public inspection, other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties. ~~Such~~ *Neither such information, nor any determination or decision rendered under the provisions of §§ 60.2-619, 60.2-620 or 60.2-622, shall not* be used in any judicial or administrative proceeding other than one arising out of the provisions of this title; however, the Commission shall make its records about a claimant available to the Workers' Compensation Commission if it requests such records. The Commission may also, in its discretion, furnish copies of the transcript of hearings to any party.

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