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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 60.2-623 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unemployment 3 compensation; determinations and decisions by Commission; confidentiality of information.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

7 1. That § 60.2-623 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 8

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

9 A. The manner in which disputed claims shall be presented, reports required from the claimant and 10 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 11 Commission for determining the rights of the parties. Such regulations need not conform to common law 12 13 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 14 15 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 16 17 regulations prescribed by the Commission.

B. Information furnished the Commission under the provisions of this chapter shall not be published 18 19 or be open to public inspection, other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties. Neither such information, nor any determination or decision rendered under the provisions of 20 21 §§ 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 22 23 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. 24

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