

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 65.2-704 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation;*  
3 *hearing and award.*

4 [H 2409]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 65.2-704 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 65.2-704. Hearing; award or opinion by Commission.

9 A. The Commission or any of its members or deputies shall hear the parties at issue, their  
10 representatives, and witnesses; shall decide the issues in a summary manner; and shall make an award  
11 *or opinion* carrying out the decision. A copy of the award *or opinion* shall be sent immediately to the  
12 parties at issue *by registered or certified mail*.

13 B. Any member of the Commission who hears the parties at issue and makes an award under the  
14 provisions of subsection A of this section shall not participate in a rehearing and review of such award  
15 provided under § 65.2-705. When a member is absent or is prohibited by the provisions of this  
16 subsection from sitting with the full Commission to hear a review, the Chairman shall appoint one of  
17 the deputies to sit with the other Commission members.

18 C. Hearings convened by the Commission shall be public proceedings and, upon proper request to  
19 the Commission, may, in the discretion of the Commission, be video recorded for public broadcast at  
20 the expense of the requesting party, subject only to the same limitations and conditions as apply to court  
21 proceedings in the Commonwealth.

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