

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 SESSION

## CHAPTER 95

*An Act to amend and reenact § 65.2-705 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; receipt of notice of awards; rehearing.*

[H 813]

Approved March 13, 1998

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 65.2-705 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 65.2-705. Review of award; rehearing.

A. If an application for review is made to the Commission within twenty days ~~from the date~~ *after receipt of notice of the* such award *to be sent as provided in subsection A of § 65.2-704*, the full Commission, except as provided in subsection B of § 65.2-704 and if the first hearing was not held before the full Commission, shall review the evidence or, if deemed advisable, as soon as practicable, hear the parties at issue, their representatives, and witnesses. The Commission shall make an award which, together with a statement of the findings of fact, rulings of law, and other matters pertinent to the questions at issue, shall be filed with the record of the proceedings. A copy of the award shall be sent immediately to the parties at issue.

B. A rehearing convened under this section shall be a public proceeding and, upon proper request, may, in the discretion of the Commission, be video recorded for public broadcast at the expense of the requesting party, subject only to the same limitations and conditions as apply to court proceedings in the Commonwealth.

C. Upon an application for review made pursuant to subsection A of this section, the opposing party at issue shall have fourteen days thereafter to make an independent application for review.