

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 65.2-601.2, relating to workers'*  
3 *compensation; employer to provide statement of intent.*

4 [H 46]

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 65.2-601.2 as follows:**8 ***§ 65.2-601.2. Notice to employee of employer's intent.***

9 *A. Whenever an employee makes a claim pursuant to § 65.2-601, the Commission shall order the*  
10 *employer to advise the employee, within 30 days following the date of such order, whether the employer*  
11 *(i) intends to accept the claim, (ii) intends to deny the claim, or (iii) is unable to determine whether it*  
12 *intends to accept or deny the claim because the employer lacks sufficient information from the employee*  
13 *or a third party to make such determination. If the employer responds that it intends to deny the claim,*  
14 *the response shall provide reasons therefor. If the employer responds that it is unable to determine*  
15 *whether it intends to accept or deny the claim because it lacks sufficient information from the employee*  
16 *or a third party to make such determination, the response shall identify the additional information that*  
17 *the employer needs from the employee or a third party in order to make such determination.*

18 *B. The employer's response to the order shall be considered a required report for the purposes of*  
19 *§ 65.2-902.*

20 *C. The employer's response to the order shall not be considered part of the hearing record.*

21 *D. An employer may, if the employee consents, send any response required by this section to the*  
22 *employee by email.*

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