1   **VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER**

2   *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 60.2-612.1, relating to*
3   *unemployment compensation; program integrity.*

4   [S 769]
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 60.2-612.1 as follows:**
8   *§ 60.2-612.1. Program integrity.*
9   *A. In order to verify that an individual is eligible to receive benefits, the Commission shall conduct*
10 *all mandatory and recommended program integrity activities as identified by the U.S. Department of*
11 *Labor Employment and Training Administration and the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector*
12 *General.*
13   *B. The Commission shall perform a full eligibility review of suspicious or potentially improper*
14 *claims. In determining if a claim is suspicious or potentially improper, the Commission shall consider*
15 *the factors utilized by the Integrity Data Hub and any additional factors that may be appropriate,*
16 *including commonalities in physical addresses, mailing addresses, internet protocol addresses, email*
17 *addresses, multi-factor authentication, and bank accounts.*
18   *C. The Commission shall recover any improper overpayment of benefits to the fullest extent*
19 *authorized by this title and federal law.*
20   *D. The Commission may enter into a memorandum of understanding with any state agency necessary*
21 *to implement the provisions of this section.*
22   *E. The Commission shall report by December 1 of each year to the Commission on Unemployment*
23 *Compensation addressing the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this section. The*
24 *report shall include:*
25   *1. The Commission's general program integrity processes, including tools, resources, and databases*
26 *utilized, to the extent that sharing the information does not jeopardize program integrity measures;*
27   *2. A description of efforts to identify, prevent, and recover improper overpayments of benefits and*
28 *fraudulent payments and measures being taken to improve such efforts;*
29   *3. The type and amount of improper payments detected retroactively;*
30   *4. The type and amount of improper payments prevented;*
31   *5. Moneys saved in preventing improper overpayments and, if any, in recouping improper*
32 *overpayments; and*
33   *6. An explanation for the nonrecovery of overpayments, including the application of any allowable*
34 *recovery exceptions.*
35 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.**