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HOUSE BILL NO. 459

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-60 and § 65.2-101, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Naval Militia.

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 44-60 and § 65.2-101, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 44-60. Who to command.

The naval forces shall not be considered as attached to any division or brigade of the land forces of the Commonwealth, but shall be under the direct command of *the Adjutant General and ultimately* the Governor as commander in chief. When, however, the naval militia, or any part thereof, shall be in the field or afloat upon actual service, the senior officer present shall *be in command same*, and whenever operating or acting in conjunction with the land forces of the militia of the Commonwealth, the senior officer present, according to relative rank of either force, shall command the whole, unless otherwise specially ordered or directed by the Governor as commander in chief or other competent military or naval authority.

§ 65.2-101. Definitions.

As used in this title:

"Award" means the grant or denial of benefits or other relief under this title or any rule adopted pursuant thereto.

"Average weekly wage" means:

1. a. The earnings of the injured employee in the employment in which he was working at the time of the injury during the period of fifty-two weeks immediately preceding the date of the injury, divided by fifty-two; but if the injured employee lost more than seven consecutive calendar days during such period, although not in the same week, then the earnings for the remainder of the fifty-two weeks shall be divided by the number of weeks remaining after the time so lost has been deducted. When the employment prior to the injury extended over a period of less than fifty-two weeks, the method of dividing the earnings during that period by the number of weeks and parts thereof during which the employee earned wages shall be followed, provided that results fair and just to both parties will be thereby obtained. When, by reason of a shortness of time during which the employee has been in the employment of his employer or the casual nature or terms of his employment, it is impractical to compute the average weekly wages as above defined, regard shall be had to the average weekly amount which during the fifty-two weeks previous to the injury was being earned by a person of the same grade and character employed in the same class of employment in the same locality or community.

b. When for exceptional reasons the foregoing would be unfair either to the employer or employee, such other method of computing average weekly wages may be resorted to as will most nearly approximate the amount which the injured employee would be earning were it not for the injury.

2. Whenever allowances of any character made to an employee in lieu of wages are a specified part of the wage contract, they shall be deemed a part of his earnings. For the purpose of this title, the average weekly wage of the members of the Virginia National Guard, *the Virginia Naval Militia* and the Virginia State Defense Force, registered members on duty or in training of the United States Civil Defense Corps of this Commonwealth, and forest wardens shall be deemed to be such amount as will entitle them to the maximum compensation payable under this title; however, any award entered under the provisions of this title on behalf of members of the National Guard, *the Virginia Naval Militia* or their dependents, or registered members on duty or in training of the United States Civil Defense Corps of this Commonwealth or their dependents, shall be subject to credit for benefits paid them under existing or future federal law on account of injury or occupational disease covered by the provisions of this title.

3. Whenever volunteer firefighters, volunteer lifesaving or volunteer rescue squad members, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or reserve deputy sheriffs, volunteer emergency medical technicians and members of volunteer search and rescue organizations are deemed employees under this title, their average weekly wage shall be deemed sufficient to produce the minimum compensation provided by this title for injured workers or their dependents. For the purposes of workers' compensation insurance premium calculations, the monthly payroll for each volunteer

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60 firefighter or volunteer lifesaving or volunteer rescue squad member shall be deemed to be \$300.

61 4. The average weekly wage of persons, other than those covered in subdivision 3 of this definition,
62 who respond to a hazardous materials incident at the request of the Department of Emergency Services
63 shall be based upon the earnings of such persons from their primary employers.

64 "Change in condition" means a change in physical condition of the employee as well as any change
65 in the conditions under which compensation was awarded, suspended, or terminated which would affect
66 the right to, amount of, or duration of compensation.

67 "Commission" means the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission as well as its former
68 designation as the Virginia Industrial Commission.

69 "Employee" means:

70 1. a. Every person, including a minor, in the service of another under any contract of hire or
71 apprenticeship, written or implied, except (i) one whose employment is not in the usual course of the
72 trade, business, occupation or profession of the employer or (ii) as otherwise provided in subdivision 2
73 of this definition.

74 b. Any apprentice, trainee, or retrainee who is regularly employed while receiving training or
75 instruction outside of regular working hours and off the job, so long as the training or instruction is
76 related to his employment and is authorized by his employer.

77 c. Members of the Virginia National Guard, whether on duty in a paid or unpaid status or when
78 performing voluntary service to their unit in a nonduty status at the request of their commander.

79 Income benefits for members of the National Guard shall be terminated when they are able to return
80 to their customary civilian employment or self-employment. If they are neither employed nor
81 self-employed, those benefits shall terminate when they are able to return to their military duties. If a
82 member of the National Guard who is fit to return to his customary civilian employment or
83 self-employment remains unable to perform his military duties and thereby suffers loss of military pay
84 which he would otherwise have earned, he shall be entitled to one day of income benefits for each unit
85 training assembly or day of paid training which he is unable to attend.

86 d. Members of *the Virginia Naval Militia* and the Virginia State Defense Force.

87 e. Registered members of the United States Civil Defense Corps of this Commonwealth, whether on
88 duty or in training.

89 f. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, all officers and employees of the
90 Commonwealth, including forest wardens, judges, clerks, deputy clerks and employees of juvenile and
91 domestic relations district courts and general district courts, who shall be deemed employees of the
92 Commonwealth.

93 g. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, all officers and employees of a municipal
94 corporation or political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

95 h. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, (i) every executive officer, including
96 president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or other officer, elected or appointed in accordance with the
97 charter and bylaws of a corporation, municipal or otherwise and (ii) every manager of a limited liability
98 company elected or appointed in accordance with the articles of organization or operating agreement of
99 the limited liability company.

100 i. Policemen and firefighters, sheriffs and their deputies, town sergeants and their deputies, county
101 and city commissioners of the revenue, county and city treasurers, attorneys for the Commonwealth, and
102 clerks of circuit courts and their deputies, officers and employees, who shall be deemed employees of
103 the respective cities, counties and towns in which their services are employed and by whom their
104 salaries are paid or in which their compensation is earnable.

105 j. Members of the governing body of any county, city or town in the Commonwealth, whenever
106 coverage under this title is extended to such members by resolution or ordinance duly adopted.

107 k. Volunteers, officers and employees of any commission or board of any authority created or
108 controlled by a local governing body, or any local agency or public service corporation owned, operated
109 or controlled by such local governing body, whenever coverage under this title is authorized by
110 resolution or ordinance duly adopted by the governing board of any county, city, town, or any political
111 subdivision thereof.

112 l. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, volunteer firefighters, volunteer lifesaving
113 or rescue squad members, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or
114 reserve deputy sheriffs, volunteer emergency medical technicians and members of volunteer search and
115 rescue organizations, who shall be deemed employees of (i) the political subdivision or state institution
116 of higher education in which the principal office of such volunteer fire company, volunteer lifesaving or
117 rescue squad, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police force, auxiliary or reserve
118 deputy sheriff force, volunteer emergency medical technicians or members of volunteer search and
119 rescue organizations is located if the governing body of such political subdivision or state institution of
120 higher education has adopted a resolution acknowledging such volunteer firefighters, volunteer lifesaving
121 or rescue squad members, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or

reserve deputy sheriffs, volunteer emergency medical technicians, members of volunteer search and rescue organizations as employees for the purposes of this title or (ii) in the case of volunteer firefighters or volunteer lifesaving or rescue squad members, the companies or squads for which volunteer services are provided whenever such companies or squads elect to be included as an employer under this title.

m. Volunteer firefighters, volunteer lifesaving or rescue squad members, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or reserve deputy sheriffs, volunteer emergency medical technicians, members of volunteer search and rescue organizations and any other persons who respond to an incident upon request of the Department of Emergency Services, who shall be deemed employees of the Department of Emergency Services for the purposes of this title.

n. Any sole proprietor or all partners of a business electing to be included as an employee under the workers' compensation coverage of such business if the insurer is notified of this election. Any sole proprietor or the partners shall, upon such election, be entitled to employee benefits and be subject to employee responsibilities prescribed in this title.

When any partner or proprietor is entitled to receive coverage under this title, such person shall be subject to all provisions of this title as if he were an employee; however, the notices required under §§ 65.2-405 and 65.2-600 of this title shall be given to the insurance carrier, and the panel of physicians required under § 65.2-603 shall be selected by the insurance carrier.

o. The independent contractor of any employer subject to this title at the election of such employer provided (i) the independent contractor agrees to such inclusion and (ii) unless the employer is self-insured, the employer's insurer agrees in writing to such inclusion. All or part of the cost of the insurance coverage of the independent contractor may be borne by the independent contractor.

When any independent contractor is entitled to receive coverage under this section, such person shall be subject to all provisions of this title as if he were an employee, provided that the notices required under §§ 65.2-405 and 65.2-600 are given either to the employer or its insurance carrier.

However, nothing in this title shall be construed to make the employees of any independent contractor the employees of the person or corporation employing or contracting with such independent contractor.

p. The legal representative, dependents and any other persons to whom compensation may be payable when any person covered as an employee under this title shall be deceased.

q. Jail officers and jail superintendents employed by regional jails or jail farm boards or authorities, whether created pursuant to Article 3.1 (§ 53.1-95.2 et seq.) or Article 5 (§ 53.1-105 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 53.1, or an act of assembly.

2. "Employee" shall not mean:

a. Officers and employees of the Commonwealth who are elected by the General Assembly, or appointed by the Governor, either with or without the confirmation of the Senate. This exception shall not apply to any "state employee" as defined in § 51.1-124.3 nor to Supreme Court Justices, judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the circuit or district courts, members of the Workers' Compensation Commission and the State Corporation Commission, or the Superintendent of State Police.

b. Officers and employees of municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth who are elected by the people or by the governing bodies, and who act in purely administrative capacities and are to serve for a definite term of office.

c. Any person who is a licensed real estate salesperson, or a licensed real estate broker associated with a real estate broker, if (i) substantially all of the salesperson's or associated broker's remuneration is derived from real estate commissions, (ii) the services of the salesperson or associated broker are performed under a written contract specifying that the salesperson is an independent contractor, and (iii) such contract includes a provision that the salesperson or associated broker will not be treated as an employee for federal income tax purposes.

d. Any taxicab or executive sedan driver, provided the Commission is furnished evidence that such individual is excluded from taxation by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

e. Casual employees.

f. Domestic servants.

g. Farm and horticultural laborers, unless the employer regularly has in service more than two full-time employees.

h. Employees of any person, firm or private corporation, including any public service corporation, that has regularly in service less than three employees in the same business within this Commonwealth, unless such employees and their employers voluntarily elect to be bound by this title. However, this exemption shall not apply to the operators of underground coal mines or their employees. An executive officer who is not paid salary or wages on a regular basis at an agreed upon amount and who rejects coverage under this title pursuant to § 65.2-300 shall not be included as an employee for purposes of this subdivision.

183 i. Employees of any common carrier by railroad engaging in commerce between any of the several
184 states or territories or between the District of Columbia and any of the states or territories and any
185 foreign nation or nations, and any person suffering injury or death while he is employed by such carrier
186 in such commerce. This title shall not be construed to lessen the liability of any such common carrier or
187 to diminish or take away in any respect any right that any person so employed, or the personal
188 representative, kindred or relation, or dependent of such person, may have under the act of Congress
189 relating to the liability of common carriers by railroad to their employees in certain cases, approved
190 April 22, 1908, or under §§ 8.01-57 through 8.01-62 or § 56-441.

191 j. Employees of common carriers by railroad who are engaged in intrastate trade or commerce.
192 However, this title shall not be construed to lessen the liability of such common carriers or take away or
193 diminish any right that any employee or, in case of his death, the personal representative of such
194 employee of such common carrier may have under §§ 8.01-57 through 8.01-61 or § 56-441.

195 k. Except as provided in subdivision 1 of this definition, a member of a volunteer fire-fighting,
196 lifesaving or rescue squad when engaged in activities related principally to participation as a member of
197 such squad whether or not the volunteer continues to receive compensation from his employer for time
198 away from the job.

199 l. Except as otherwise provided in this title, noncompensated employees and noncompensated
200 directors of corporations exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of Title 26 of the United States
201 Code (Internal Revenue Code of 1954).

202 m. Any person performing services as a sports official for an entity sponsoring an interscholastic or
203 intercollegiate sports event or any person performing services as a sports official for a public entity or a
204 private, nonprofit organization which sponsors an amateur sports event. For the purposes of this
205 subdivision, "sports official" includes an umpire, referee, judge, scorekeeper, timekeeper or other person
206 who is a neutral participant in a sports event. This shall not include any person, otherwise employed by
207 an organization or entity sponsoring a sports event, who performs services as a sports official as part of
208 his regular employment.

209 "Employer" includes (i) any person, the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof and any
210 individual, firm, association or corporation, or the receiver or trustee of the same, or the legal
211 representative of a deceased employer, using the service of another for pay and (ii) any volunteer fire
212 company or volunteer lifesaving or rescue squad electing to be included and maintaining coverage as an
213 employer under this title. If the employer is insured, it includes his insurer so far as applicable.

214 "Executive officer" means (i) the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or other officer,
215 elected or appointed in accordance with the charter and bylaws of a corporation and (ii) the managers
216 elected or appointed in accordance with the articles of organization or operating agreement of a limited
217 liability company. However, such term does not include noncompensated officers of corporations exempt
218 from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of Title 26 of the United States Code (Internal Revenue Code of
219 1954).

220 "Filed" means hand delivered to the Commission's office in Richmond or any regional office
221 maintained by the Commission; sent by telegraph, electronic mail or facsimile transmission; or posted at
222 any post office of the United States Postal Service by certified or registered mail. Filing by first-class
223 mail, telegraph, electronic mail or facsimile transmission shall be deemed completed only when the
224 application actually reaches a Commission office.

225 "Injury" means only injury by accident arising out of and in the course of the employment or
226 occupational disease as defined in Chapter 4 (§ 65.2-400 et seq.) of this title and does not include a
227 disease in any form, except when it results naturally and unavoidably from either of the foregoing
228 causes. However, such term does not include any injury, disease or condition resulting from an
229 employee's voluntary participation in employer-sponsored off-duty recreational activities which are not
230 part of the employee's duties.

231 § 65.2-101. (Delayed effective date) Definitions.

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234 pursuant thereto.

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236 1. a. The earnings of the injured employee in the employment in which he was working at the time
237 of the injury during the period of fifty-two weeks immediately preceding the date of the injury, divided
238 by fifty-two; but if the injured employee lost more than seven consecutive calendar days during such
239 period, although not in the same week, then the earnings for the remainder of the fifty-two weeks shall
240 be divided by the number of weeks remaining after the time so lost has been deducted. When the
241 employment prior to the injury extended over a period of less than fifty-two weeks, the method of
242 dividing the earnings during that period by the number of weeks and parts thereof during which the
243 employee earned wages shall be followed, provided that results fair and just to both parties will be
244 thereby obtained. When, by reason of a shortness of time during which the employee has been in the

employment of his employer or the casual nature or terms of his employment, it is impractical to compute the average weekly wages as above defined, regard shall be had to the average weekly amount which during the fifty-two weeks previous to the injury was being earned by a person of the same grade and character employed in the same class of employment in the same locality or community.

b. When for exceptional reasons the foregoing would be unfair either to the employer or employee, such other method of computing average weekly wages may be resorted to as will most nearly approximate the amount which the injured employee would be earning were it not for the injury.

2. Whenever allowances of any character made to an employee in lieu of wages are a specified part of the wage contract, they shall be deemed a part of his earnings. For the purpose of this title, the average weekly wage of the members of the Virginia National Guard, *the Virginia Naval Militia* and the Virginia State Defense Force, registered members on duty or in training of the United States Civil Defense Corps of this Commonwealth, and forest wardens shall be deemed to be such amount as will entitle them to the maximum compensation payable under this title; however, any award entered under the provisions of this title on behalf of members of the National Guard, *the Virginia Naval Militia* or their dependents, or registered members on duty or in training of the United States Civil Defense Corps of this Commonwealth or their dependents, shall be subject to credit for benefits paid them under existing or future federal law on account of injury or occupational disease covered by the provisions of this title.

3. Whenever volunteer firefighters, volunteer lifesaving or volunteer rescue squad members, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or reserve deputy sheriffs, volunteer emergency medical technicians and members of volunteer search and rescue organizations are deemed employees under this title, their average weekly wage shall be deemed sufficient to produce the minimum compensation provided by this title for injured workers or their dependents. For the purposes of workers' compensation insurance premium calculations, the monthly payroll for each volunteer firefighter or volunteer lifesaving or volunteer rescue squad member shall be deemed to be \$300.

4. The average weekly wage of persons, other than those covered in subdivision 3 of this definition, who respond to a hazardous materials incident at the request of the Department of Emergency Services shall be based upon the earnings of such persons from their primary employers.

"Change in condition" means a change in physical condition of the employee as well as any change in the conditions under which compensation was awarded, suspended, or terminated which would affect the right to, amount of, or duration of compensation.

"Commission" means the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission as well as its former designation as the Virginia Industrial Commission.

"Employee" means:

1. a. Every person, including a minor, in the service of another under any contract of hire or apprenticeship, written or implied, except (i) one whose employment is not in the usual course of the trade, business, occupation or profession of the employer or (ii) as otherwise provided in subdivision 2 of this definition.

b. Any apprentice, trainee, or retrainee who is regularly employed while receiving training or instruction outside of regular working hours and off the job, so long as the training or instruction is related to his employment and is authorized by his employer.

c. Members of the Virginia National Guard, whether on duty in a paid or unpaid status or when performing voluntary service to their unit in a nonduty status at the request of their commander.

Income benefits for members of the National Guard shall be terminated when they are able to return to their customary civilian employment or self-employment. If they are neither employed nor self-employed, those benefits shall terminate when they are able to return to their military duties. If a member of the National Guard who is fit to return to his customary civilian employment or self-employment remains unable to perform his military duties and thereby suffers loss of military pay which he would otherwise have earned, he shall be entitled to one day of income benefits for each unit training assembly or day of paid training which he is unable to attend.

d. Members of *the Virginia Naval Militia* and the Virginia State Defense Force.

e. Registered members of the United States Civil Defense Corps of this Commonwealth, whether on duty or in training.

f. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, all officers and employees of the Commonwealth, including forest wardens, judges, clerks, deputy clerks and employees of family courts and general district courts, who shall be deemed employees of the Commonwealth.

g. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, all officers and employees of a municipal corporation or political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

h. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, (i) every executive officer, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or other officer, elected or appointed in accordance with the charter and bylaws of a corporation, municipal or otherwise and (ii) every manager of a limited liability

306 company elected or appointed in accordance with the articles of organization or operating agreement of
307 the limited liability company.

308 i. Policemen and firefighters, sheriffs and their deputies, town sergeants and their deputies, county
309 and city commissioners of the revenue, county and city treasurers, attorneys for the Commonwealth, and
310 clerks of circuit courts and their deputies, officers and employees, who shall be deemed employees of
311 the respective cities, counties and towns in which their services are employed and by whom their
312 salaries are paid or in which their compensation is earnable.

313 j. Members of the governing body of any county, city or town in the Commonwealth, whenever
314 coverage under this title is extended to such members by resolution or ordinance duly adopted.

315 k. Volunteers, officers and employees of any commission or board of any authority created or
316 controlled by a local governing body, or any local agency or public service corporation owned, operated
317 or controlled by such local governing body, whenever coverage under this title is authorized by
318 resolution or ordinance duly adopted by the governing board of any county, city, town, or any political
319 subdivision thereof.

320 l. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, volunteer firefighters, volunteer lifesaving or
321 rescue squad members, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or
322 reserve deputy sheriffs, volunteer emergency medical technicians and members of volunteer search and
323 rescue organizations, who shall be deemed employees of (i) the political subdivision or state institution
324 of higher education in which the principal office of such volunteer fire company, volunteer lifesaving or
325 rescue squad, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police force, auxiliary or reserve
326 deputy sheriff force, volunteer emergency medical technicians or members of volunteer search and
327 rescue organizations is located if the governing body of such political subdivision or state institution of
328 higher education has adopted a resolution acknowledging such volunteer firefighters, volunteer lifesaving
329 or rescue squad members, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or
330 reserve deputy sheriffs, volunteer emergency medical technicians or members of volunteer search and
331 rescue organizations as employees for the purposes of this title or (ii) in the case of volunteer
332 firefighters or volunteer lifesaving or rescue squad members, the companies or squads for which
333 volunteer services are provided whenever such companies or squads elect to be included as an employer
334 under this title.

335 m. Volunteer firefighters, volunteer lifesaving or rescue squad members, volunteer law-enforcement
336 chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or reserve deputy sheriffs, volunteer emergency medical
337 technicians, members of volunteer search and rescue organizations and any other persons who respond to
338 an incident upon request of the Department of Emergency Services, who shall be deemed employees of
339 the Department of Emergency Services for the purposes of this title.

340 n. Any sole proprietor or all partners of a business electing to be included as an employee under the
341 workers' compensation coverage of such business if the insurer is notified of this election. Any sole
342 proprietor or the partners shall, upon such election, be entitled to employee benefits and be subject to
343 employee responsibilities prescribed in this title.

344 When any partner or proprietor is entitled to receive coverage under this title, such person shall be
345 subject to all provisions of this title as if he were an employee; however, the notices required under
346 §§ 65.2-405 and 65.2-600 of this title shall be given to the insurance carrier, and the panel of physicians
347 required under § 65.2-603 shall be selected by the insurance carrier.

348 o. The independent contractor of any employer subject to this title at the election of such employer
349 provided (i) the independent contractor agrees to such inclusion and (ii) unless the employer is
350 self-insured, the employer's insurer agrees in writing to such inclusion. All or part of the cost of the
351 insurance coverage of the independent contractor may be borne by the independent contractor.

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353 be subject to all provisions of this title as if he were an employee, provided that the notices required
354 under §§ 65.2-405 and 65.2-600 are given either to the employer or its insurance carrier.

355 However, nothing in this title shall be construed to make the employees of any independent
356 contractor the employees of the person or corporation employing or contracting with such independent
357 contractor.

358 p. The legal representative, dependents and any other persons to whom compensation may be payable
359 when any person covered as an employee under this title shall be deceased.

360 q. Jail officers and jail superintendents employed by regional jails or jail farm boards or authorities,
361 whether created pursuant to Article 3.1 (§ 53.1-95.2 et seq.) or Article 5 (§ 53.1-105 et seq.) of Chapter
362 3 of Title 53.1, or an act of assembly.

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365 appointed by the Governor, either with or without the confirmation of the Senate. This exception shall
366 not apply to any "state employee" as defined in § 51.1-124.3 nor to Supreme Court Justices, judges of
367 the Court of Appeals, judges of the circuit or district courts, members of the Workers' Compensation

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m. Any person performing services as a sports official for an entity sponsoring an interscholastic or intercollegiate sports event or any person performing services as a sports official for a public entity or a private, nonprofit organization which sponsors an amateur sports event. For the purposes of this subdivision, "sports official" includes an umpire, referee, judge, scorekeeper, timekeeper or other person who is a neutral participant in a sports event. This shall not include any person, otherwise employed by an organization or entity sponsoring a sports event, who performs services as a sports official as part of his regular employment.

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436 causes. However, such term does not include any injury, disease or condition resulting from an
437 employee's voluntary participation in employer-sponsored off-duty recreational activities which are not
438 part of the employee's duties.