

## 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.**