

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 40.1-28.7:7 and 60.2-212, as it is currently effective and as it shall*  
 3 *become effective, of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section*  
 4 *numbered 65.2-301.2, relating to employee classification: disaster; personal protective equipment.*

5 [H 2134]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That §§ 40.1-28.7:7 and 60.2-212, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, of**  
 9 **the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by**  
 10 **adding a section numbered 65.2-301.2 as follows:**

11 **§ 40.1-28.7:7. Misclassification of workers.**

12 A. An individual who has not been properly classified as an employee may bring a civil action for  
 13 damages against his employer for failing to properly classify the employee if the employer had  
 14 knowledge of the individual's misclassification. An individual's representative may bring the action on  
 15 behalf of the individual. If the court finds that the employer has not properly classified the individual as  
 16 an employee, the court may award the individual damages in the amount of any wages, salary,  
 17 employment benefits, including expenses incurred by the employee that would otherwise have been  
 18 covered by insurance, or other compensation lost to the individual, a reasonable attorney fee, and the  
 19 costs incurred by the individual in bringing the action.

20 B. In a proceeding under subsection A, an individual who performs services for a person for  
 21 remuneration shall be presumed to be an employee of the person that paid such remuneration, and the  
 22 person that paid such remuneration shall be presumed to be the employer of the individual who was  
 23 paid for performing the services, unless it is shown that the individual is an independent contractor as  
 24 determined under the Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

25 C. As used in this section, "Internal Revenue Service guidelines" means the most recent version of  
 26 the guidelines published by the Internal Revenue Service for evaluating independent contractor status,  
 27 including its interpretation of common law doctrine on independent contractors, and any regulations that  
 28 the Internal Revenue Service may promulgate regarding determining whether an employee is an  
 29 independent contractor, including 26 C.F.R. § 31.3121(d)-1.

30 *D. In a proceeding under subsection A, a hiring party providing an individual with personal*  
 31 *protective equipment in response to a disaster caused by a communicable disease of public health threat*  
 32 *for which a state of emergency has been declared pursuant to § 44-146.17 shall not be considered in*  
 33 *any determination regarding whether such individual is an employee or independent contractor. For the*  
 34 *purposes of this subsection, the terms "communicable disease of public health threat," "disaster," and*  
 35 *"state of emergency" have the same meaning as provided in § 44-146.16.*

36 **§ 60.2-212. (Expires July 1, 2022, or earlier, see Acts 2020, c. 1261) Employment.**

37 A. "Employment" means:

38 1. Any service including service in interstate commerce, performed for remuneration or under any  
 39 contract of hire, written or oral, express or implied; and

40 2. Any service, of whatever nature, performed by an individual for any employing unit, for  
 41 remuneration or under any contract of hire, written or oral, and irrespective of citizenship or residence  
 42 of either,

43 a. Within the United States, or

44 b. On or in connection with an American vessel or American aircraft under a contract of service  
 45 which is entered into within the United States or during the performance of which and while the  
 46 individual is employed on the vessel or aircraft it touches at a port in the United States, if such  
 47 individual performs such services on or in connection with such vessel or aircraft when outside the  
 48 United States, provided that the operating office, from which the operations of the vessel or aircraft are  
 49 ordinarily and regularly supervised, managed, directed or controlled, is within the Commonwealth.

50 B. Notwithstanding subdivision 2 b of subsection A of this section, "employment" means all service  
 51 performed by an officer or member of the crew of an American vessel on or in connection with such  
 52 vessel, if the operating office from which the operations of such vessel operating on navigable waters  
 53 within, or within and without, the United States are ordinarily and regularly supervised, managed,  
 54 directed and controlled is within the Commonwealth.

55 C. Services performed by an individual for remuneration shall be deemed to be employment subject  
 56 to this title unless the Commission determines that such individual is not an employee for purposes of

57 the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, based upon an  
58 application of the standard used by the Internal Revenue Service for such determinations.

59 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection C, an individual who performs services as a real  
60 estate salesperson, under direction of a real estate broker under Chapter 21 (§ 54.1-2100 et seq.) of Title  
61 54.1, or as a real estate appraiser under Chapter 20.1 (§ 54.1-2009 et seq.) of Title 54.1 pursuant to an  
62 executed independent contractor agreement and for remuneration solely by way of commission or fee,  
63 shall not be an employee for purposes of this chapter.

64 E. *Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection C, a hiring party providing an individual with*  
65 *personal protective equipment in response to a disaster caused by a communicable disease of public*  
66 *health threat for which a state of emergency has been declared pursuant to § 44-146.17 shall not be*  
67 *considered in any determination regarding whether such individual is an employee or independent*  
68 *contractor. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "communicable disease of public health*  
69 *threat," "disaster," and "state of emergency" have the same meaning as provided in § 44-146.16.*

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76 of either,

77 a. Within the United States, or

78 b. On or in connection with an American vessel or American aircraft under a contract of service  
79 which is entered into within the United States or during the performance of which and while the  
80 individual is employed on the vessel or aircraft it touches at a port in the United States, if such  
81 individual performs such services on or in connection with such vessel or aircraft when outside the  
82 United States, provided that the operating office, from which the operations of the vessel or aircraft are  
83 ordinarily and regularly supervised, managed, directed or controlled, is within the Commonwealth.

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85 performed by an officer or member of the crew of an American vessel on or in connection with such  
86 vessel, if the operating office from which the operations of such vessel operating on navigable waters  
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89 C. Services performed by an individual for remuneration shall be deemed to be employment subject  
90 to this title unless the Commission determines that such individual is not an employee for purposes of  
91 the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, based upon an  
92 application of the 20 factors set forth in Internal Revenue Service Revenue Ruling 87-41, issued  
93 pursuant to 26 C.F.R. 31.3306(i)-1 and 26 C.F.R. 31.3121(d)-1.

94 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection C, an individual who performs services as a real  
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102 *considered in any determination regarding whether such individual is an employee or independent*  
103 *contractor. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "communicable disease of public health*  
104 *threat," "disaster," and "state of emergency" have the same meaning as provided in § 44-146.16.*

105 **§ 65.2-301.2. Employee classification; disaster; personal protective equipment not considered.**

106 A. *For the purposes of this section, the terms "communicable disease of public health threat,"*  
107 *"disaster," and "state of emergency" have the same meaning as provided in § 44-146.16.*

108 B. *In any proceeding under the provisions of this title, a hiring party providing an individual with*  
109 *personal protective equipment in response to a disaster caused by a communicable disease of public*  
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111 *considered in any determination regarding whether such individual is an employee or independent*  
112 *contractor.*