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AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 31-0062-1

**Offered by Senators Nereida Rivera O'Reilly, Sammuell Sanes, Kurt A. Violet and
Almando "Rocky" Liburd**

Bill No. 31-0062-1 is amended in the following instances:

(a) Sections 1 and 2 are redesignated as the last two sections of the bill and a new section 1 added that reads follows

"SECTION 1. This Act **may** be cited as "The Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center Rescue Act" and

(b) Five appropriately numbered sections are added and read as follows:

"SECTION__. Title 24 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 14, section 362, subsection (g), is amended by adding paragraph (5) to read as follows:

'(5) Radiologists, anesthesiologists pulmonologist and critical care physicians in the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center and the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital and Community Health Care Center'.

SECTION__. Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, subchapter I section 244, subsection (o), after "'on-profit' by inserting 'and for profit'; and

SECTION__. Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 17, section 286 is amended by striking '180' and inserting '90'.

SECTION__. Title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 42, subsection (e) is amended by designating paragraph (7) (A) and inserting subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

'(B) Medications, medical equipment, medical devices, medical supplies, and all other goods brought into the Territory for medical care by the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center and the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital and Community Health Center'.

SECTION___. Title 27 Virgin Islands Code is amended in the section 45d, is amended after the first sentence in subsection (a) by inserting a sentence that reads as follows:

‘The Board of Medical Examiners may also issue an institutional telemedicine group license to a physician group providing radiology services through telemedicine for the Government hospitals’.”

BILL SUMMARY

The first section of this amendment names the bill “The Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center Rescue Act”. The second section of the amendment amends 24 V.I.C. §362 by excluding radiologists, anesthesiologists, pulmonologists, and critical care physicians at the JFL Hospital from the definition of “public employee” for purposes of chapter 14 of title 24 relating to public employees labor relations. The third section amends 19 V.I.C. §244 by allowing the Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation to establish, in addition to wholly-owned nonprofit subsidiaries, for profit subsidiaries;

The fourth section amends 19 V.I.C. §286 by cutting in half the number of days that a receivable may remain delinquent before being assigned for collection by a third party. The fifth section amends 27 V.I.C. §7, subsection (a), authorizing the Board of Medical Examiners to issue an Institutional Telemedicine Group Licensure to a physician group providing radiology services through telemedicine;

The sixth section amends title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, 42, subsection (e) section to expressly exempt the Territory’s hospitals from paying excise taxes on medications, medical equipment, medical devices, medical supplies, and all other goods brought into the Territory for medical care.

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