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**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CONSUMER AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS
31TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
THURSDAY MAY 19, 2016**

**GOOD MORNING/AFTERNOON MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CONSUMER AND VETERANS
AFFAIRS, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE 31ST LEGISLATURE, MEMBERS OF THE
PRESS, LADIES AND GENTLEMAN. I AM LAWRENCE ANTHONY OLIVE,
DIRECTOR FOR THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

**TODAY I COME BEFORE YOU AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR JUSTIN
HARRIGAN SR. TO TESTIFY IN REGARDS TO THE TAXI INDUSTRY.**

**FIRST AND FOREMOST THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES WAS
ESTABLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 THROUGH BILL NO. 26-0025 ACT NO.
6761. IN THIS BILL SEC 231(a) THE BUREAU SHALL EXERCISE GENERAL
CONTROL OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF LAWS AND THE COLLECTION OF
FEES RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, OPERATORS AND
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS PROVIDED BY LAW.**

24 CHAPTER 7, TITLE 20 FROM SECTION 401 TO SECTION 412 OUTLINES WHAT
25 THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES FUNCTIONS ARE VS WHAT THE TAXI CAB
26 COMMISSION IS REQUIRED TO FOLLOW.

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28 THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES INSPECTS ALL TAXI CABS IN THE
29 TERRITORY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ROAD WORTHY AND THAT
30 EACH TAXI CAB IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY REQUIREMENT BASE ON
31 OUR SATISFACTION FOR INITIAL AND RENEWED VEHICLES.

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33 AT THIS TIME, I WILL GIVE YOU A STATISTICAL REVIEW ON THE NUMBER OF
34 TAXIS REGISTERED AND DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED IN THE LAST THREE
35 FISCAL YEARS BY DISTRICT:

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37 TAXI VEHICLES REGISTERED:

38 <u>2013</u>	<u>STT</u>	<u>STJ</u>	<u>STX</u>
39 INITIAL	44	3	9
40 RENEWAL	924	95	234
41 TOTAL	968	98	243

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43 <u>2014</u>	<u>STT</u>	<u>STJ</u>	<u>STX</u>
44 INITIAL	39	0	8
45 RENEWAL	868	105	223
46 TOTAL	907	105	231

47	<u>2015</u>	<u>STT</u>	<u>STJ</u>	<u>STX</u>
48	INITIAL	40	1	4
49	RENEWAL	893	104	203
50	TOTAL	933	105	207

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52 **TAXI DRIVERS LICENSE'S ISSUED**

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54	<u>2013</u>	<u>STT</u>	<u>STJ</u>	<u>STX</u>
55	INITIAL	18	4	6
56	RENEWAL	100	17	24
57	TOTAL	118	21	30

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59	<u>2014</u>	<u>STT</u>	<u>STJ</u>	<u>STX</u>
60	INITIAL	11	2	2
61	RENEWAL	184	36	43
62	TOTAL	195	38	45

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64	<u>2015</u>	<u>STT</u>	<u>STJ</u>	<u>STX</u>
65	INITIAL	16	0	2
66	RENEWAL	336	39	58
67	TOTAL	352	39	60

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69 **MR. CHAIRMAN, I THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT**
70 **SERVICES, CONSUMER AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE 31ST**
71 **LEGISLATURE FOR INVITING ME TO TESTIFY ON BILL NO 31-0108.**

72 I AM PREPARED TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND ENGAGE IN FURTHER
73 DISCUSSION.