

1 **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CONSUMER &**

2 **VETERAN AFFAIRS**

3 **31ST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

4 **LIABILITY INSURANCE DATABASE**

5 **BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

6 **TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2016**

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8 **GOOD AFTERNOON MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON**
9 **GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CONSUMER & VETERAN AFFAIRS, OTHER**
10 **MEMBERS OF THE 31ST LEGISLATURE, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, LADIES AND**
11 **GENTLEMAN, ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR FOR THE BUREAU OF MOTOR**
12 **VEHICLES, LAWRENCE ANTHONY OLIVE, I AM THE MANAGEMENT OF**
13 **INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BUREAU OF MOTOR**
14 **VEHICLES, ETHLYN DE WINDT. I AM HERE WITH THE BUREAU OF MOTOR**
15 **VEHICLES' SYSTEMS MANAGER, MRS. MIRELLE SMITH TO PROVIDE**
16 **TESTIMONY ON THE ACT AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**
17 **CODE, CHAPTER 47 TO REQUIRE THE INSURANCE CARRIERS TO PROVIDE**
18 **LIABILITY INSURANCE DATA TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS BUREAU OF MOTOR**
19 **VEHICLES AND FOR THE BUREAU TO ESTABLISH A MOTOR VEHICLE**
20 **LIABILITY INSURANCE DATABASE.**

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22 **IN 2011, A PROCESS WAS PUT IN PLACE BY THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES**
23 **TO RECEIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE DATA ELECTRONICALLY IN THE FORM**

24 OF TEXT FILES FROM THE INSURANCE CARRIERS WITHIN THE TERRITORY.
25 EACH INSURANCE CARRIER WAS PROVIDED A TEMPLATE AS TO HOW THE
26 INFORMATION MUST BE SENT TO THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES. SEVEN
27 INSURANCE CARRIERS RESPONDED AND SENT THE TEXT FILE
28 ELECTRONICALLY. CURRENTLY ONLY ONE COMPANY HAS CONTINUED TO
29 PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

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31 HOWEVER, THIS PROCESS IS NOT EFFECTIVE, THERE ARE NO PENALTIES
32 FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT ARE NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION TO
33 THE BUREAU AND THERE IS A DELAY IN RECEIVING THE DATA IN A TIMELY
34 MANNER. FOR EXAMPLE, BECAUSE THE INSURANCE COMPANIES DO NOT
35 SEND THE INFORMATION REQUESTED TO THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
36 IN A TIMELY FASHION, THE VEHICLE OWNER CAN STILL PROCESS THEIR
37 VEHICLE'S REGISTRATION. IF THE INFORMATION IS RECIEVED IN TIME THIS
38 INCIDENT WILL NOT OCCUR. NOT ONLY WILL THE INDIVIDUAL BE HINDERD
39 IN REGISTRATING THEIR VEHICLE BUT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CAN
40 ALSO UTILIZE THE INSURANCE INFORMATION TO EFFECTIVELY CONDUCT
41 THEIR DUTIES.

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43 IN SUMMARY, MR. CHAIRMAN, THIS BUREAU WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE
44 THAT ALL THE INSURANCE COMPANIES SEND THE DATA ELECTRONICALLY
45 TO THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH THE NECESSARY INFORMATION

46 **MANDATED BY LAW IN A TIMELY BASIS AND THAT THE COMPANIES BE**
47 **PENALIZED FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH THE LAW.**

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49 **MR. CHAIRMAN, I THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON**
50 **GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CONSUMER & VETERAN AFFAIRS AND OTHER**
51 **MEMBERS OF THE 31ST LEGISLATURE AND WE ARE PREPARED TO ANSWER**
52 **YOUR QUESTIONS AND ENGAGE IN FURTHER DISCUSSION.**