

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES,
VETERANS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BILL NO. 31-0026

Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An Act amending Title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, relating to various provisions of the Trades and Crafts Code

PROPOSED BY: Senator Sammuel Sanes

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 27, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, is amended in the following instances:

(a) In section 261 as follows:

(1) In subsection (a) by striking “The Virgin Islands Electricians’ Licensing Board and the Virgin Islands Plumbers’ and Mechanical Licensing Board” and inserting “The Virgin Islands Electricians’ Licensing Board, the Virgin Islands Plumbers’ Licensing Board, the Mechanical Licensing Board and the Fiber Optic Installers’ Licensing Board”;

1 (2) In subsection (b) (1) by inserting “and licensed fiber optic installers” after
2 “mechanics”;

3 (3) In subsection (i) by inserting “or Fiber Optic Installer Board” after
4 “Mechanical Licensing Board”

5 (b) in section 262, by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding
6 subsection (b) that reads as follows:

7 “(b) It is unlawful for any person to engage in the trade of Fiber Optic
8 maintenance, installation or repair unless licensed as a Fiber Optic Technician;

9 (c) in section 263, by inserting “or fiber optic” after the word “plumbing” and by
10 inserting “or fiber optic technician” after “master mechanic”;

11 (d) in section 265:

12 (1) in subsection (c) by inserting “fiber optic trade” after “plumbing trade”;

13 (2) in subsection (d) by inserting “, fiber optic” after the words “in electrical”
14 and by inserting “or fiber optic trade” at the end;

15 (e) in section 267, as follows:

16 (1) in subsection (a) by inserting paragraph (4) to read as follows:

17 “(4) fiber optic technician license”;

18 (2) in subsection (b) by inserting “or fiber optic technician license” after
19 “master mechanical”; and

20 (3) in subsection (c) by inserting “, fiber optic” after the word “electrical”;

21 (f) in section 271, by inserting “fiber optic” after the word “plumbing”;

22 (g) in section 273 by inserting “, fiber optic technician” after “electrical contractor”;

23 and

1 (h) in section 274 (a) (8) by inserting “Telecommunications Industry
2 Association/Electronic Industry Association, Optical fiber Cabling Components Standards” after
3 “National Electrical Code”.

4 **BILL SUMMARY**

5 This bill seeks to amend Title 27, V.I.C., chapter 7, relating to various provisions of the
6 Trades and Crafts Code. Subsection (a) includes the addition of Fiber Optic Licensing Board,
7 Subsections (b) through (g) reflect the addition of Fiber Optic Licensing, penalties, and
8 procedure for licensing throughout the Code for the practicing the trade.

9 Subsection (h) sets the standards for the practice of the trade

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