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**AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 35-0127**

**Offered by Senator Samuel Marvin A. Blyden**

Bill No. 35-0127 is amended as follows:

(a) On page 1, line 14, internal section 1785, subsection (a), paragraph (2) by adding “or any other employee of the Government of the Virgin Islands on the scene acting as a part of the investigative or emergency response efforts” after “assistance”;

(b) On page 2, lines 21, paragraph (1) by striking the language after “damages”; and

(c) On page 2, internal section 1785 by adding subsections (f) and (g) that read as follows:

“(f)(1) Law enforcement agencies and agencies that employ first responders shall:

(A) Promulgate regulations consistent with this section, including, but not limited to, a policy on the use of personal and government issued cameras and recording devices used at emergency and crime scenes and a policy on the confidentiality of images of emergency and crime scenes and images related to a criminal investigation;

(B) Provide law enforcement officers and other first responders with copies of the adopted policies; and

(C) Cause a copy of this section to be posted at a location in the agencies that is readily accessible to all first responder and law enforcement officers.

(2) The failure of any law enforcement agency or an agency that employs first responders to implement any of the requirements under subsection (a) is not a defense for a violation of this section.

(g) The Virgin Islands Police Department shall include in the curriculum of the Virgin Islands Police Academy a course on the requirements of this section.”