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**Amendment in the Nature of Substitute to Bill No. 35-0399
Offered by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.**

Bill No. 35-0399 is amended by striking all language after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

SECTION 1. (a) Title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, section 99, is amended as follows:

(1) subsection (b):

(A) in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) by inserting “Not less than” at the beginning of each paragraph respectively and by striking “with no 10% provision” and inserting “fully secured” in each paragraph respectively; and

(B) by inserting the following paragraph (4):

“(4) If the underlying crime has a higher bail amount than the amount in subsection (b) of this section, the higher bail amount shall apply.”

(b) subsection (c) is amended by inserting the following after “forthwith.”: “If the defendant has any contact with the victim after release, and the People can prove the defendant contacted the victim by a preponderance of the evidence, the defendant shall be immediately remanded to custody, and his bail revoked. To be released, the defendant must demonstrate to the Court that he is not a danger to the victim.”

(c) subsection (e) is amended by inserting the following after “center.”: “Appropriate treatment options include a certified Partner Abuse Intervention Program.”

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