

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND
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12/11/2024-AMENDED AND REPORTED OUT TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY

BILL NO. 35-0409

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

November 19, 2024

An Act to amend title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 32, subchapter I to amend the definition of “salvage vehicle purchaser” or “junk vehicle purchaser” to include businesses that includes junk and salvage vehicle businesses and insurance companies and to require salvage vehicle purchasers to file a report with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that documents the salvage vehicles obtained and sold during a given time period, and to require a penalty for failure to file the report

PROPOSED BY: Senator Samuel Carrión

1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 32, subchapter I is amended
3 as follows:

4 (a) In section 203, in the definition of “Salvage vehicle purchaser” or “junk vehicle
5 purchaser”, strike “other than insurer” and insert “or business, including junk and salvage
6 vehicle businesses except for insurance companies,”; and

7 (b) In section 222:

8 (1) re-designate subsection (b) as subsection (c) and insert a new subsection (b)
9 that reads:

1 “(b) A salvage vehicle purchaser shall file a report with the Bureau that
2 evidences the salvage vehicles obtained and sold, or otherwise disposed of by
3 the salvage vehicle purchaser. The Director of the Bureau shall determine the
4 format of the report and the frequency of the filing.”

5 (2) Add subsection (d) that reads:

6 “(d) A salvage vehicle purchaser who fails to file a report as required in
7 subsection (b) shall be fined not less than \$500 but not more than \$1,000.”

8 **SECTION 2.** Not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act, the Director of
9 the Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall determine the format of the report required to be filed in
10 Section 1, subsection (b), paragraph (1) and the frequency of the filing.

11 **BILL SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends title 31 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, part II, chapter 21, section 203
13 by amending the definition of “salvage vehicle purchaser” or “junk vehicle purchaser” to
14 include businesses that includes junk and salvage vehicle businesses and insurance companies
15 making these businesses subject to the requirements in section 222 which requires a salvage
16 vehicle purchaser to have a salvage certificate to possess or retain a salvage vehicle. This bill
17 also amends section 222 by requiring a salvage vehicle purchaser to file a report with the
18 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (“BMV”) that documents the salvage vehicles obtained and sold
19 during a given time and provides for a penalty for failure to file in an amount not less than \$500
20 but not more than \$1,000. Section 2 of the bill requires the Director of the BMV to determine
21 the format of the report and the frequency of the filing within 30 days after the effective date
22 of the act.

23 **BR23-0941/September 25, 2024/GC/Revised/November 18, 2024/GC**

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