COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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BILL NO. 35-0420

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An Act amending title 23, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5 by enacting the "Virgin Islands Firearm Serial Number Regulation Act"

Senator Kenneth L. Gittens **PROPOSED BY:** 1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands: 2 **SECTION 1.** Title 23, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5 is amended by inserting the 3 following section 490: "§ 490. Serial Number Requirement for Firearms 4 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Virgin Islands Firearm Serial Number 5 6 Regulation Act." 7 All firearms manufactured, sold, transferred, or possessed in the Virgin 8 Islands shall have a unique serial number engraved or stamped on the firearm by the manufacturer. 9 10 It is unlawful for any person to possess a firearm that does not have a serial (b) 11 number.

This section does not apply to:

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1	(1) Firearms that were manufactured prior to the effective date of this Act		
2	if they are registered with the appropriate authority within six months of		
3	enactment of this Act.		
4	(2) Firearms that are exempt under federal law.		
5	(d) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and subject to a fine of		
6	not more than \$10,000 and imprisoned for not less than fifteen years without parole."		
7	BILL SUMMARY		
8	This bill amends title 23, chapter 5 of the Virgin Islands Code by enacting the "Virgin		
9	Islands Firearm Serial Number Regulation Act" to address issues of gun violence,		
0	accountability and responsibility, and enhance law enforcement capabilities.		

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