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**AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 36-0144
Offered by Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.**

Bill No. 36-0144 is amended as follows:

(a) Section 1, internal § 2253a, subsection (2) is amended by inserting “for Concealed Carry” after “Firearms” in the subsection title.

(b) Section 2, internal § 2259 is amended:

(1) By inserting “; Felony; Misdemeanor; Or Civil Violation” at the end of the section title; and

(2) By striking existing subsections (b) and (c) and inserting new subsections (b), (c), and (e) as follows:

“(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful for a person to manufacture, sell, offer for sale, purchase, receive, transfer, or possess a large-capacity magazine.

(1) A violation of this section which is a first offense which only involves possession of a large capacity magazine is a civil penalty of \$500.

(2) A second violation of this section which only involves possession of a large capacity magazine is a misdemeanor with a civil penalty fine of \$2500.

(3) All other violations of this section, including a subsequent offense involving only possession of a large capacity magazine, are felonies.

(4) A large-capacity magazine is subject to forfeiture for a violation of this section.

(5) The Superior Court of the Virgin Islands has exclusive jurisdiction over violations under this section.

(c) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) personnel of the United States government or a unit of the United States government who are acting within the scope of official business;

(2) members of the Armed Forces of the United States or of the National Guard who are acting within the scope of official business;

(3) a law-enforcement officer;

(4) a qualified retired law-enforcement officer; or

(5) a licensed firearms dealer who sells a large-capacity magazine to another licensed firearms dealer or to an individual exempt under paragraphs (1) through (5).

(6) A large-capacity magazine that a person has rendered permanently inoperable or has permanently modified to accept 10 rounds of ammunition or less.

(e) This section does not apply to the following:

(1) A person who manufactures a large-capacity magazine, if the person manufactures the large-capacity magazine with the intent to sell the large-capacity magazine, or offers the large-capacity magazine for sale, to a person outside of the territory;

(2) A person who ships or transports a large-capacity magazine for a person under paragraph (1) of this subsection.”; and

(3) By redesignating the remaining subsection accordingly.

(c) Section 3, subsection (b), internal §454b, subsection (d) is amended by striking paragraph (1).

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