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An act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 51, subchapter I, section 801 relating to the moving violations point system

PROPOSED BY: Senator Avery L. Lewis
Co-sponsor: Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 51, subchapter I, section 801 is amended as follows:

(a) subsection (a) is amended in the third sentence by striking “upon petition to the Court by the Director,” and inserting “Director of”;

(b) subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: “If a person accumulates points, those points remain on that person’s driving record; however, if a person is not convicted of any moving violation during the next consecutive 12-month period, the Director shall deduct three points from that person’s total point accumulation.”

(2) In the second sentence by striking “calendar year” and inserting “consecutive 12-month period”;

(c) subsection (c) is amended by striking “\$25.00” and inserting “\$200”; by inserting “mandatory” before “three (3) hour”; and by striking “\$75.00” and inserting “\$100”;

(d) subsection (d) is stricken, and the following new subsection (d) is inserted:

“(d) A person who voluntarily participates in the driver’s education course and pays the associated \$200 fee may, upon satisfactory completion of the course, have three points deducted from the driver’s accumulated points, provided those points were not accumulated because of an accident. A driver may only have three points deducted from their record within a 12-month period.”; and

(e) by adding the following subsection (e):

“(e) Any person subject to the penalties imposed under this subchapter is entitled to a hearing. The Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall preside over the hearing, and any resulting imposed penalty is subject to review by the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill amends 20 VIC § 801 by transferring the authority from the Superior Court to the Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to suspend the use of a driver’s license when a driver accumulates 12 or more points within 12-month period. It also gives the Director the authority to deduct three points if a driver does not have any violations within a period of twelve consecutive months and provides that the maximum number of points that can be deducted within a twelve consecutive month period is three points. It increases the fine for a moving violation from \$25 to a \$200 and provides for a mandatory three-hour drivers’ education course. It also increases the per diem for instructors from \$75 to \$100. It adds a new subsection (d) to section 801 that provides that persons who voluntarily participates in the drivers’ education course and pay the \$200 fee will have three points deducted from that driver’s accumulated points, provided those points were not accumulated because of an accident and limits the amount of points deducted to three point per 12-month period. Finally,

1 a subsection (e) is added that provides that persons subjected to penalties under section 801 are
2 entitled to a hearing, which is presided over by the Director of Motor Vehicles and any resulting
3 penalties imposed by the Director are reviewable by the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

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