COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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BILL NO. 36-0148

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

August 26, 2025

An act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274 by mandating that the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission implement an electronic payment system

PROPOSED BY: Senator Kurt A. Vialet

- 1 WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission currently oversees and regulates
- 2 the operation of taxicabs throughout the Virgin Islands;
- 3 WHEREAS, the modernization of transportation services is essential to ensuring,
- 4 reliable, efficient, and convenient service for residents and visitors;
- 5 **WHEREAS,** advances in financial technology have made electronic monetary payment
- 6 systems a secure, efficient, and convenient method for conducting transactions;
- WHEREAS, the ability to pay for taxicab services electronically provides added
- 8 convenience for consumers, particularly tourists, who may not carry cash;
- 9 WHEREAS, electronic payments enhance accountability and transparency in financial
- transactions for both drivers and the commission;
- WHEREAS, requiring the Taxicab Commission to implement an electronic monetary
- 12 payment system aligns the Virgin Islands with industry standards across the United States and
- internationally; and

1	WHEREAS, the modernization of payment methods in the transportation sector wil
2	improve the territory's reputation as a progressive, visitor-friendly destination; Now, Therefore
3	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:
4	SECTION 1. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274 is amended by
5	redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as subsections (k) and (l), respectively, and by adding the
6	following new subsections (i) and (j):
7	"(i) The Commission shall implement a requirement for an electronic payment
8	system and prescribe the conditions and requirements for its use.
9	(j) The Commission shall require all taxi drivers to provide customers with a
10	least two payment options, including debit or credit card, or electronic transfer.
11	SECTION 2 . This act becomes effective 120 days after enactment.
12	BILL SUMMARY
13	This bill provides that the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission shall implement ar
14	electronic payment system.
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