

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
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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. Violet

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;

7 **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
10 transactions for both drivers and the commission;

11 **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
13 internationally; and

