ACT NO. 7743

BILL NO. 31-0003

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 49, sections 741 and 742 to expand the definition of "abandoned motor vehicle," and section 746 to confer upon the Department of Property and Procurement the power to sell an abandoned vehicle and for other purposes

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 49 is amended as follows:

(a) In section 741 by adding the following at the end after "old": "or lacks a valid registration sticker."

(b) In section 742 by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and inserting subsection (b) that reads as follows:

"(b) Any vehicle not registered and left on the public roadways or public property for seven days or more shall be ticketed, towed and stored. The Virgin Islands Police Department shall treat any vehicle not displaying a valid registration sticker or tag which is left on the public roadways or public property for seven days or more as an abandoned vehicle and shall ticket, tow, preserve, and store the unregistered vehicle and hold the registered owner responsible for all towing, preservation, storage charges and fines, as provided in section 743.

SECTION 2. Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 49, section 741 is amended by striking "more than forty-eight hours" where it appears and by inserting "seven days or more".

SECTION 3. Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 49, section 746, is amended as follows:

(a) In subsection (a), by inserting "sell" after "use"; and

(b) In subsection (c), by inserting "sale" after "storage".

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on July 30, 2015.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 31st Day of July, AD., 2015.

Neville James
President

Myron D. Jackson
Legislative Secretary

Bill No. 31-0003 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, this 6th day of August 2015, A.D.

Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor