ACT NO. 8966

BILL NO. 35-0409

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An Act to amend title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 32, subchapter I to amend the definition of "salvage vehicle purchaser" or "junk vehicle purchaser" to include businesses that includes junk and salvage vehicle businesses and insurance companies and to require salvage vehicle purchasers to file a report with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that documents the salvage vehicles obtained and sold during a given time period, and to require a penalty for failure to file the report

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 32, subchapter I is amended as follows:

(a) In section 203, in the definition of "Salvage vehicle purchaser" or "junk vehicle purchaser", strike "other than an insurer" and insert "or business, including junk and salvage vehicle businesses except for insurance companies,"; and

(b) In section 222:

(1) re-designate subsection (b) as subsection (c) and insert a new subsection (b) that reads:

"(b) A salvage vehicle purchaser shall file a report with the Bureau that evidences the salvage vehicles obtained and sold, or otherwise disposed of by the salvage vehicle purchaser. The Director of the Bureau shall determine the format of the report and the frequency of the filing."

(2) Add subsection (d) that reads:

"(d) A salvage vehicle purchaser who fails to file a report as required in subsection (b) shall be fined not less than $500 but not more than $1,000."

SECTION 2. Not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act, the Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall determine the format of the report required to be filed in section 1, subsection (b), paragraph (1) and the frequency of the filing.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on December 18, 2024.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 19th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President

Carla J. Joseph
Secretary

Bill No. 35- 0409 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, this 31st day of December, 2024 A.D.

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor