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BILL NO. 35-0215

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

December 11, 2023

An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 455 to require the completion of a handgun training class before the renewal of a firearm license and by amending section 457, subsection (a), paragraph (3), relating to increasing the term of the firearm license from three years to five years

PROPOSED BY: Senator Milton E. Potter

1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5 is amended as follows:

3 (a) In section 455(b):

4 (1) In the second sentence, after “\$150.00” insert “and a certificate of completion
5 from a handgun training class obtained within one year preceding submittal of the
6 renewal application that includes the original signature of the class instructor.”; and

7 (2) by adding a subsection (f) that reads as follow

8 “(f) For purposes of this section:

9 (1) “Handgun training class” means:

10 (A) a firearms safety course offered by a law enforcement
11 agency, an institution of higher education, or firearms training school

1 that is open to the public and is taught by a certified firearms instructor;

2 or

3 (B) a firearms safety course or class that is offered and taught

4 by a certified firearms instructor.

5 (2) “Training certificate” means a certificate, affidavit, or other

6 document issued by the instructor, a law enforcement agency or firearms

7 training school that conducts a handgun training class that evidences an

8 applicant’s successful completion of the class requirements.”

9 (b) In section 457, subsection (a), paragraph (3), strike the first instance of “three” and
10 insert “five”.

11 **BILL SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 455 to require the

13 completion of a handgun training class before the renewal of a firearm license and section 457,

14 subsection (a), paragraph (3), increasing the term of a firearm license from three years to five

15 years.

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