

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY

BILL NO. 36-0046

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

March 28, 2025

An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 31, section 622, expanding the threshold for disorderly conduct

PROPOSED BY: Senator Franklin D. Johnson

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are being subjected to obscene, vulgar, and profane language and threats by individuals;

WHEREAS, this type of behavior may incite a riot and, at times, is undertaken with the intent to incite a riot;

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers should not be subjected to abusive treatment as they lawfully perform their duties; and

WHEREAS, such behavior should be unlawful towards law enforcement officers while on duty; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 31, section 622 is amended by inserting the following paragraph (3):

“(3) uses any vulgar, profane, indecent language, or threats with words or acts toward any law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the performance of his duties shall be:

(a) fined not more than \$5,000 for the first offence or imprisoned no less than 18 months, or both; and

(b) fined not more than \$10,000 for subsequent offences or imprisoned not more than 36 months, or both.”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill amends title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 31, section 622, expanding the threshold of disorderly conduct.

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