COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

# BILL NO. 36-0059

## Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**March 28, 2025**

An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 45 to establish the suspension of driver's licenses for tax delinquency

**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Carla J. Joseph

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

**SECTION 1.** Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 45 is amended by adding the following new section 556:

**"§ 556. Suspension of Driver's License for Tax Delinquency**

(a) Whenever a taxpayer is delinquent in the payment of any taxes owed to the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue ("BIR"), the BIR shall issue a written notice to the taxpayer, stating the amount owed and providing the taxpayer 60 days to remit payment in full or establish an approved payment plan with the BIR.

(b) If the taxpayer fails to resolve the delinquency within the 60-day period, the BIR shall notify the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) of the taxpayer's delinquency.

(c) Upon receiving notice of the taxpayer's delinquency from the BIR, the BMV shall:

(1) Issue a notice to the taxpayer, informing them of the impending suspension of their driver's license unless full payment of the delinquent taxes is made, or an approved payment plan is established with the BIR within 15 days of the BMV's notice; and

(2) Proceed with the suspension of the driver's license if the taxpayer fails to resolve the delinquency within the 15-day period.

(d) A taxpayer whose driver's license has been suspended pursuant to this section may have their license reinstated upon full payment of the delinquent taxes or entering an approved payment plan with the BIR.

(e) All notices issued by the BIR and BMV under this section must be sent by certified mail to the taxpayer's last known address."

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect 30 days after its enactment.

## BILL SUMMARY

This bill amends Title 20, Chapter 45 of the Virgin Islands Code to address driver's license suspensions for tax delinquency by requiring the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) to issue a notice to taxpayers with outstanding tax debts, granting them 60 days to pay or enter a payment plan. If the taxpayer fails to act within this period, the BIR will notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), which will then send a final notice. If payment is not made within 15 days, the BMV will suspend the taxpayer's driver's license. Licenses may be reinstated once the delinquency is resolved, or a payment plan is established.

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