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An act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274 by mandating that the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission implement an electronic payment system

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WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission currently oversees and regulates
the operation of taxicabs throughout the Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, the modernization of transportation services is essential to ensuring,
reliable, efficient, and convenient service for residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, advances in financial technology have made electronic monetary payment
systems a secure, efficient, and convenient method for conducting transactions;

WHEREAS, the ability to pay for taxicab services electronically provides added
convenience for consumers, particularly tourists, who may not carry cash;

WHEREAS, electronic payments enhance accountability and transparency in financial
transactions for both drivers and the commission;

WHEREAS, requiring the Taxicab Commission to implement an electronic monetary payment system aligns the Virgin Islands with industry standards across the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the modernization of payment methods in the transportation sector will improve the territory's reputation as a progressive, visitor-friendly destination; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274 is amended by redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as subsections (k) and (l), respectively, and by adding the following new subsections (i) and (j):

“(i) The Commission shall implement a requirement for an electronic payment system and prescribe the conditions and requirements for its use.

(j) The Commission shall require all taxi drivers to provide customers with at least two payment options, including debit or credit card, or electronic transfer.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective 120 days after enactment.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill provides that the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission shall implement an electronic payment system.

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