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BILL NO. 31-0508

Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

December 20, 2016

An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 58 relating to the emergency services surcharge

PROPOSED BY: Senator Novelle Francis, Jr.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 58, is amended as follows:

3 (a) subsection (c) by striking "\$1.00" and inserting "\$2.00"; and

4 (b) subsection (f) by striking all the language and inserting new language that reads:

5 "Each fiscal year, the Department of Finance shall disburse the proceeds of the emergency
6 services surcharge as follows:

7 (1) 40% to the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency;

8 (2) 30% to the Department of Health --- Emergency Medical Services Unit for
9 supplies, training, and personnel; and

10 (3) 30% to the Virgin Islands Fire Services."

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This bill amends title 33 Virgin Islands Code section 58, subsection (c) by increasing the amount of the emergency service surcharge from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and adding new language in subsection (f) changing the use of the proceeds from funding the Territory's Public Safety Answering Point System and to establishment, maintenance and operation of a mobile 911 system to be used 40% to the VITEMA; 30% to the Department of Health for the Emergency Medical Services Unit; and 30% to the Virgin Islands Fire Services.

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