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BILL NO. 31-0145

Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

June 16, 2015

An Act establishing a forensic crime lab in accordance with national standards

PROPOSED BY: Senators Neville James, Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
and Sammuell Sanes

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

2 **SECTION 1. (a)** The Department of Justice shall establish, staff, and equip a
3 forensic crime laboratory in the Virgin Islands.

4 **(b)** The crime laboratory must be accredited by the American Society of Crime
5 Laboratory Directors (LAB), Laboratory Accreditation Board, the National Forensic
6 Science Technology Center, or other nationally recognized accrediting organization that
7 has requirements that are substantially equivalent to or more comprehensive than those of
8 the Society or the Center.

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1 **SECTION 2.** The forensic crime laboratory shall perform services necessary for
2 the recognition and proper preservation, identification, and scientific analysis of evidence
3 materials pertaining to the investigation of crimes.

4 **BILL SUMMARY**

5 The bill directs the Department of Justice to establish a forensic crime lab.
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