

BILL NO. 30-0258

Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

October 21, 2013

An Act amending Act No. 7472 (Bill No. 30-0038) by adding a provision to include chemical changes to controlled substances in the list of controlled substances

PROPOSED BY: Senator Sammuel Sanes

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Act No. 7472 (Bill No. 30-0038) is amended in Section 2 by adding a new
3 subsection (i) to read as follows:

4 “(i) In section 595 by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

5 ‘(d) Any drug not listed in this section which is privately compounded, with specific
6 intent to circumvent the criminal penalties for synthetic cannabinoids or other substances banned
7 in this section, to emulate or simulate the effects of synthetic cannabinoids or other substances
8 banned in this section through chemical changes such as the addition, subtraction or rearranging
9 of radical or the addition, subtraction or rearranging of a substituent, shall be subject to the same
10 criminal penalties as for synthetic cannabinoids or other substances banned in this section.’”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill amends Act No. 7472 (Bill No. 30-0038) by adding a provision to include chemical changes to controlled substances in the list of controlled substances. The provision is designed to criminalize changing the chemical composition of a controlled substance with the intent to emulate or simulate the effects of synthetic cannabinoids or other controlled substances.

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