

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES
AND HOUSING

09/25/14-SPECIAL ORDERED TO THE FLOOR

BILL NO. 30-0350

Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

March 28, 2014

An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 5, chapter 401, section 4509 (d) and title 31, chapter 1, section 1 relating to the use of inmate labor from the Bureau of Corrections for roadwork and maintenance of government buildings and for other purposes

PROPOSED BY: Senator Myron D. Jackson

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 401, section 4509 (d) is amended after “maintenance” by inserting “and repairs”.

SECTION 2. Title 31 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 1 is amended by designating the existing provisions as subsection (a) and adding subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) To the extent practicable, the Commissioner of Public Works shall use a prison inmate workforce for all roadwork, cemetery maintenance, waterways, drainage, and maintenance & repairs of government buildings.” The prison inmate workforce used by the Commissioner of Public Works under this subsection must consist of only misdemeanor and non-violent felon inmates and inmates whose remaining prison term does not exceed six months in duration.”

BILL SUMMARY

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3 This Bill in section 1 amends Virgin Islands Code, title 5, chapter 401, section 4509
4 (d) by adding repairs of government buildings to the list of projects for which the Department
5 of Public Works is required to seek labor from inmates at the Bureau of Corrections. Section
6 2 amends 31 V.I.C. §1 relating to the functions of the Commissioner of the Department of
7 Public Works, which requires the Commissioner to repair and maintain, among other
8 government properties, government buildings. To the extent practicable, this section would
9 require the Department to use non-violent prison inmates for all road projects waterways and
10 drainage maintenance and repairs of government buildings.

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