

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE
AND PUBLIC SAFETY

BILL NO. 30-0103

Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

May 15, 2013

An Act to amend Title 23, Chapter 5 to require both psychological testing and background checks of all applicants for a Virgin Islands firearm license and to ensure secure storage facilities for firearms

PROPOSED BY: Senators Kenneth L. Gittens and Shawn-Michael Malone

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 23, Chapter 5 is amended as follows:

3 (a) Section 456 is amended by redesignating subsection (a) (5) as subsection (a) (6)
4 and inserting a new section (a) (5) to read;

5 “(a)(5) that the applicant has provided a complete psychological evaluation and
6 background check procured at the applicant’s cost which establishes that applicant is
7 mentally stable and fit to carry a firearm.”

8 (b) Section 489a subsection (c) is amended by deleting all of the language after the
9 words “in a” the first time they appear and inserting the following language, “secured safe, gun
10 safe, lock box or other device that can be used to store a firearm. Such device shall be secured

1 with a keyed or combination, tamper resistant lock. For purposes of this section a firearm is
2 locked when secured with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock which when engaged renders the
3 firearm inoperable by any person other than the licensee or other lawfully authorized user.

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BILL SUMMARY

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This bill seeks to amend title 23 to require both psychological testing and background
7 checks of all applicants for a Virgin Islands firearm license and to ensure better secure storage
8 facilities for firearms.

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