

ACT NO. 7266
BILL NO. 29-0046

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

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An Act amending Title 20 Virgin Islands Code to set forth new fines for traffic violations, to increase existing penalties for traffic violations and for other purposes

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, Part II, chapter 43, is amended by adding a new §512 to read as follows:

“§512. Schedule of fines for traffic violations

VIC	VIOLATION DESCRIPTION	1 st . FEE	2 nd . FEE	3 rd . FEE
T 20, 374	Allowing unlicensed driver to operate vehicle	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 461(a),(b)	Operating vehicles with bald tires	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 461(a),(b)	Operating vehicles with broken windshield	50.00	75.00	100.00
T 20, 465(e)	Operating or carrying person on motorcycle without wearing helmet	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 465(d)	Carrying more than 1 person on a motorcycle designed to carry on person	TO BE	DETERMINED	BY COURT
T 20, 461(a),(b)	Driving an unsafe vehicle	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 371(a)	Driving without a license (Never obtaining a driver's license)	75.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 509	Driving while using cell phone (Mobile Phone)	100.00	200.00	300.00
T 23, 414 & 415	Disregarding Crosswalk	75.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 332	Using a sticker not approved or generated by Bureau of Motor Vehicles Dir.	250.00	Must Appear In Court	
T 20, 541	Failing to report an accident	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 23, 411 & 415	Failing to yield the right of way	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 463(a)	Failing to dim lights	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 495a	Fail to stop for siren	100.00	150.00	200.00
T 20, 334(d)	Unlawfully transferring license plates	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 491(b)	Failing to stop when ordered	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 335(a)	Failing to transfer registration	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(d)	Failing to signal	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 491(b)	Failing to proceed when ordered	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 491(b)	Failing to obey an officer when ordered to stop or proceed	50.00	100.00	150.00

		TO BE	DETERMINED	BY COURT
T 20, 500	Failing to meet vehicular load, height, width requirements			
T 20, 466(a)	Failing to Restrain Infant or toddler under age 5 by use of child restraint system or booster seat	100.00	200.00	300.00
T 20, 494a(a)	Failing to drive above minimum speed or failure to drive at minimum speed necessary for safe driving	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 331(1)(2)	Failing to display registration sticker	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 708 & 712	Failing to show proof of vehicle insurance	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 497(d)	Impeding traffic	75.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 463	Failing to display proper lighting	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 464(b)	Using improper muffler	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 495(c)	Failing to properly make a turn	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(a)	Failing to properly change lanes	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(a)	Improper passing at intersection	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(a)	Failing to properly pass	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 497(a)	Leaving keys in ignition	50.00	75.00	100.00
T 20, 541	Leaving the scene of an accident	500.00	Must Appear In	Court
T 20, 541	Leaving the scene of an accident personal injury	500.00	Must Appear In	Court
T 20, 541	Leaving the scene of an accident property damage	500.00	Must Appear In	Court
T 20, 541	Leaving the scene of an accident personal/property	500.00	Must Appear In	Court
T 20, 461(a),(b)	Failing to driving safely by burning out tires	50.00	75.00	100.00
T 20, 507	Failing to reverse properly	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 495(a)	Failing to remain of left side of street or highway	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 492	Failing to maintain control of vehicle	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 500	Operating an overloaded vehicle	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 461(b)	Operating an unsafe vehicle	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 503	Negligent driving	75.00	150.00	250.00
T 20, 503	Negligent driving involving personal injury	75.00	150.00	250.00
T 20, 503	Negligent driving involving property damage	75.00	150.00	250.00
T 20, 371(b)	No license on person driving without a license on person	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 463(a)	No license plate lights	75.00	100.00	125.00
T 20, 333	No registration on person or in vehicle	50.00	75.00	100.00
T 20, 461(a),(b)	No bumper on vehicle	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 463(a)	No covering of bumper lights	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 461(a),(b)	No fender	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 401(a),(d)	No taxi badge or card	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 402(d)	No taxi dome light	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 404	No taxi tariff	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 466	No safety belt/failure to wear safety belt	100.00	150.00	300.00
T 20, 497(d)	Obstructing traffic	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 23, 91	One way street (Traveling wrong way on a one way street)	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 401	Operating vehicle for hire without license	75.00	150.00	300.00
T 20, 371(a)	Operating vehicle while license is suspended		Must Appear In	Court
T 20, 498(a)	Operating a motor vehicle with an excess number of passengers	TO BE	DETERMINED	BY COURT

T 23, 94 & 96	Overtime parking	50.00	75.00	100.00
T 20, 497(d)	Parking in prohibited area	50.00	75.00	100.00
T 20, 497(e)	Parking on a curb	50.00	75.00 20.00	100.00
T 20, 495(a)	Passing on a curve	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(a)	Passing on a double yellow line	75.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(a)	Passing a "Do Not Enter" sign	75.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(a)	Passing a red light	75.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(a)	Passing a stop sign	75.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 495(h)(1)	Passing a school bus	75.00	100.00	125.00
T 20, 466	Passenger without seatbelt	75.00	150.00	300.00
T 20, 497(d)	Parking in handicapped zone	1,000.00	Must Appear In Court	
T 20, 492	Reckless driving	300.00	Must Appear In Court	
T 20, 465(e)	Riding without helmet	100.00	150.00	200.00
T 20, 494	Speeding	75.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 494	Exceeding the speed limit by 30 miles or more	75.00	150.00	300.00
T 20, 494	Exceeding the speed limit by not more than 29 miles	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 401	Soliciting passengers	50.00	100.00	150.00
T 20, 800	Tinted glass on vehicle in violation of Title 20, section 800	150.00	250.00	500.00
T 20, 497b	Unattended taxi	30.00	40.00	50.00
T 20, 712	Uninsured vehicle	250.00	Must Appear In Court	
T 20, 331(1)(2)	Unregistered vehicle	100.00	150.00	200.00

SECTION 2. Two dollars of every fine imposed pursuant to title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 43, section 512 shall be deposited into the Peace Officer Training Fund.

SECTION 3. Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 37, subchapter 1, section 402 (g) is amended by striking all the language therein and inserting new language to read:

“(g) Any person who violates any provision of this section or any rule or regulation of the Taxicab Commission shall be subject to an administrative fine imposed by the Taxicab Commission which shall not exceed \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation, \$500 for the third violation and \$1,000 for any subsequent violation within five years of the last violation. The Taxicab Commission may revoke any operator’s badge and automobile for plates only after a fine has been imposed for more than three violations. No fine or penalty shall be imposed without previous notice and an opportunity for a fair hearing.

SECTION 4. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274 (f) (11) is amended by striking all the language after the word “director” and inserting new language to read:

“taxi inspectors who in addition to the powers granted elsewhere in this code shall have the specific power to issue traffic citations for the unauthorized operation of a taxi, and such other employees as the commission considers necessary to carry out the purpose of its duties: and”.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on June 22, 2011.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 28th Day of June, A.D., 2011.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ronald E. Russell".

Ronald E. Russell
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Samuel Sanes".

Samuel Sanes
Legislative Secretary



Bill No. 29-0046 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the
Government of the United States
Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, this 12th day of July,
A.D., 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John P. de Jongh, Jr.".

John P. de Jongh, Jr.
Governor