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BILL NO. 30-0163

Thirtieth Legislature Of The Virgin Islands

July 16, 2013

An Act to amend Title 23 Virgin Islands Code by instituting an "Emergency Call Box" System

PROPOSED BY: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 23, Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 10, Subchapter IV, is amending by
3 inserting a new §1080 to read as follows:

4 **§1080. Emergency Call Box System**

5 (a) VITEMA shall provide for the installment, operation, and maintenance of a system of
6 emergency telephone call boxes along roads and highways in the Territory.

7 (b) The system shall:

8 (1) be designed to enable users to request emergency and nonemergency response
9 services;

10 (2) include:

11 (A) wired or wireless telecommunications services; and

1 (B) one or more motorist assistance answering centers; and

2 (3) be capable of performing compatible Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)
3 functions.

4 (c) The location of the emergency call boxes shall be determined by VITEMA, with the
5 assistance of the Virgin Islands Police Department, in accordance with the design specifications of the
6 system.

7 **SECTION 2.** The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the Tourism Advertising Revolving
8 Fund, in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 to the Virgin Islands Emergency Management
9 Agency for the purpose of installing an Emergency Call Box system throughout the Territory. The sums
10 appropriated shall be for the initial purchase of the emergency call boxes.

11 **BILL SUMMARY**

12 This bill directs VITEMA to institute an emergency call box system along the roads and
13 highways of the Territory for motorists.

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