## BILL NO. 31-0469

## Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

<b>September 22, 2016</b>
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An Act amending 27 V.I.C. §7(b) relating to licensure of physicians, expanding the conditions under which the Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners may issue a temporary license to physicians, striking 27 V.I.C §38c (a), and making a technical amendment

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1	Be it enacted by the	Legisla	ture of the Virgin Islands:
2	SECTION	1. Title	27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, is amended in the following
3	instances:		
4	(a) Subc	hapter I	is amended as follows:
5	(1)	Section	on 5 is amended by striking subsection (d) in its entirety and by re-
6	designating t	the rema	ining subsections accordingly.
7	(2)	Section	on 7 is amended as follows:
8		(A)	In the first sentence of subsection (a), insert "establish" after "may";
9		(B)	Subsection (b) is amended by striking all the provisions after the
10	first	sentence	and inserting new provisions that read as follows:
11		"(1)	The Temporary Medical License must:

1	(A) be granted only to an applicant demonstrably qualified for a
2	full and unrestricted medical license under the requirements set by the
3	Medical Practice Act and the regulations of the Board;
4	(B) be given to an applicant employed by either of the
5	Government hospitals, the Department of Health, any Federally Qualified
6	Community Health Center (FQHC), or any private medical practice; and
7	(C) automatically terminate within a time frame specified by the
8	Board.
9	(2) Applications for a temporary license for persons in the employ of
10	private medical practices must be accompanied by written justification to the
11	Board, by the local licensed physician, explaining the need for the physician's
12	specialty or services within their medical practice.
13	(3) All successful applicants shall work under the supervision of a
14	licensed physician.
15	(4) A physician granted a temporary license must agree to accept
16	Medicare and Medicaid patients and must submit written verification to the Board.
17	(5) The Board may grant temporary licenses only for services or
18	specialties that are not available through the Government, the Government
19	Hospitals, or any Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC).
20	(6) The application fee for a temporary license is \$1,000.00."
21	(b) Subchapter II, section 38c, subsection (a) is stricken in its entirety.
22	BILL SUMMARY
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24 25	This bill amends 27 V.I.C. §7(b) expanding the circumstances under which the Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners may issue a temporary license to physicians and providing

1 2 3	for a $1,000$ application fee for the license, striking 7 V.I.C $38c$ (a), and making a technical amendment.
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