

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOSPITAL AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

**BILL NO. 31-0324**

**Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**March 8, 2016**

An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, Subchapter II, section 38c (a) relating to licensure of physicians, expanding the conditions under which the Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners may issue temporary and special licenses to physicians

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Kurt Vialet

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

**SECTION 1.** Title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter II, section 38c, subsection (a) is amended in the following instances:

(a) The first sentence is amended after “Governor” by inserting “or private medical practices”;

(b) The second sentence is amended after the phrase, “have graduated from a qualified school of medicine as approved by the Board; have at least one year of internship or residency in a hospital recognized by the American Medical Association,” and inserting in its place the following: “meet the same criteria as an ‘eligible Government physician’ mandated by section 38b, subsection (b,) paragraphs (1) through (5)”, and

1 (c) At the end of subsection (a) three sentences are added that read as follows:  
2 “The application fee for a temporary license is \$1,000. The Board shall make a decision  
3 and accept or rejected an application not later than fourteen days after receiving the  
4 application. All successful applicants shall work under the direct supervision of a licensed  
5 physician.”

6 **BILL SUMMARY**

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8 This bill amends Title 27, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, Subchapter II, section  
9 38c (a) to expand and delineate the circumstances under which the Virgin Islands Board of  
10 medical Examiners may issue temporary and special licenses to physicians. It also provides  
11 for a \$1,000 application fee for said license.

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