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TO: Members of the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services

Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Vice-Chair
Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens
Honorable Kurt A. Vialet
Honorable Samuel Carrion
Honorable Alma Francis Heyliger
Honorable Janelle K. Sarauw

FROM: Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services

DATE: April 12, 2021

RE: AGENDA-Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services Hearing-Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services has scheduled a hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix to receive testimony on the following bills:

Bill No. 34-0028-An Act to allow for the pronouncement of death by registered nurse, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners Sponsored by: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Denise N. George, Esq.
Attorney General
VI Department of Justice

Evet Rivera, RN
President, Virgin Islands State Nurses Association
Joyce Heyliger, RN, MSN, MPH
Executive Director, Virgin Islands State Nurses Association

Luis O. Amaro, MD
Interim Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Medical Center

Ms. Dyma Williams
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center

Ms. Tracy Sanders
President, Continuum Care VI

Ms. Samantha Sabo
Executive Director, Continuum Care VI

Bill No. 34-0040 - An Act amending title 27, chapter 1 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new subchapter Va establishing the Nurse Licensure Compact to create a multi-state nursing license Sponsored by: Senator Kurt A. Vialet

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion
Commissioner, VI Department of Health

Evet Rivera, RN
President, Virgin Islands State Nurses Association

Joyce Heyliger, RN, MSN, MPH
Executive Director, Virgin Islands State Nurses Association

Carmen Vanterpool-Romney, RN, BSN, CPM
Territorial Executive Director, VI Board of Nurse Licensure

James “Jim” Puente, MS
Director, Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC)

Rebecca Fotsch, JD
Director, State Advocacy & Legislative Affairs

Ophelia Torres, RN, BSN, MA, Nsg. Ed, CPT
Acting Chairperson, Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure
Bill No. 34-0041—An Act amending Title 27, Chapter 1, of the Virgin Islands Code, to include sections of Subchapter II that are needed but were deleted in Bill No. 33-0348, and that are not currently incorporated into the Board of Medical Examiners Subchapter I; amending and updating provisions of Title 27, Chapter 1, Subchapter XI and Title 27, Chapter 4, to allow the Podiatry and Naturopathic Physician boards to function, practice, and issue licenses with their limited numbers; amending Title 3, Chapter 23, Section 415 to provide for the operation of the podiatry board and relocating this section to Title 27, Chapter 1, to coincide with the medical practices including in the medical board

Sponsored by: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Bill No. 34-0042—An Act amending Title 27, Chapter 1, of the Virgin Islands Code, to include sections of Subchapter II that are needed but were deleted in Bill No. 33-0348, and that are not currently incorporated into the Board of Medical Examiners Subchapter I; amending and updating provisions of Title 27, Chapter 1, Subchapter XI and Title 27, Chapter 4, to allow the Podiatry and Naturopathic Physician boards to function, practice, and issue licenses with their limited numbers; amending Title 3, Chapter 23, Section 415 to provide for the operation of the podiatry board and relocating this section to Title 27, Chapter 1, to coincide with the medical practices including in the medical board

Sponsored by: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion
Commissioner, VI Department of Health

Frank Odlum, MD, FACS
Chairman, VI Board of Medical Examiners

Dr. Regina Flippin
Podiatrist