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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 amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 37, subchapter III adding section 870 to authorize registered nurses and certified registered nurse practitioners employed by a certified home health agency, hospice, or nursing home to determine and pronounce death under certain specified conditions; and requiring the Department of Health to promulgate implementing regulations 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

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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
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
Luis O. Amaro, MD
Interim Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Medical Center

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Bill No. 34-0041-An Act amending Title 27, chapter 1, subchapter I; by amending section 7 relating to the continuing medical education requirements for permanent and institutional licensees, by inserting a new section 55 relating to the Commissioner of Health’s authorization to issue licenses to radiological technologists, a new section 56 relating to the Good Samaritan Law, and a new section 57 relating to penalties; amending subchapter XI relating to the practice of podiatry; and by making technical amendments Sponsored by: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr., by Request of the Governor

Bill No. 34-0042-An Act repealing title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, section 415 relating to the Boards of Examiners for Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Chiropractic and Podiatry and reestablishing the respective boards establishment of and reestablishing the language in Title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 1a; and establishing a temporary board Sponsored by: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr., by Request of the Governor

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