

BILL NO. 35-0035

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

February 27, 2023

An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 39 section 436 (b), expanding the definition of “disabled veteran” for the purposes of eligibility for a handicapped window decal

PROPOSED BY: Senators Franklin D. Johnson and Alma Francis Heyliger

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 39 section 436 (b), is amended in the following instances:

(a) In paragraph (1) by striking “United States Veterans Administration” and inserting “Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs” in its place.

(b) By striking paragraph (2) in its entirety and replacing it with “For purposes of this subsection, ‘disabled veteran’ means a person who has been designated as such by federal law as evidenced by the presentation of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit Summary Letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). The Benefit Summary Letter must identify the veteran as ‘permanently disabled’ or ‘totally and permanently disabled’. Injuries must be service-related and suffered while serving in the United States Armed Forces or any of its reserve components.”

BILL SUMMARY

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