

ACT NO. 8058

BILL NO. 32-0064

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2018

An Act amending title 34 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, adding subchapter II, providing for the establishment of a registry for persons 60 years and older with disabilities living alone

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 34 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16 is amended by designating the current sections as subchapter I and by adding a subchapter II to read as follows:

“Subchapter II. Elder, Dependent Adult, and Disabled Persons Disaster Registry

§ 521. (a) The Department of Human Services shall maintain a registry of persons 60 years and older who live alone and persons with disabilities who live alone.

(b) The Department of Human Services, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Virgin Islands Elections System shall post signs in conspicuous places throughout their respective establishments notifying the public that all persons who are 60 years and older and persons with disabilities may enter their names on a registry with the respective entity so that they may be contacted to determine if they need emergency assistance during a manmade or natural disaster.

(c) The Department of Human Services shall issue forms to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Virgin Islands Elections System to be used to collect the information for the registry. The form, at a minimum, must provide for the entry of the person's:

- (1) name;
- (2) telephone number;
- (3) address, directions to the address; and
- (4) an emergency contact person, and that person's telephone number and address.

(d) Throughout the year, the Department of Human Services shall also conduct periodic registration drives.

§ 522. (a) The Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Virgin Islands Elections System must remit the contact information to the Department of Human Services on a monthly basis.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall submit the registry to the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency, the National Guard of the Virgin Islands, the Virgin Islands Fire Service and any other first responders on a quarterly basis.

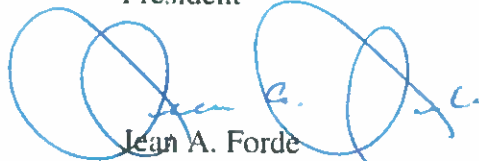
§ 523. The information collected for the registry is confidential and may not be disclosed other than to assist the person on the registry in time of a manmade or natural disaster or if there is a medical or some other emergency. Disclosure of the information under any other circumstance subjects the person who discloses the information to a fine of not more than \$500 or to imprisonment for less than one year, or both."

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on June 14, 2018.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 25th Day of June, A.D., 2018.



Myron D. Jackson
President



Jean A. Forde
Legislative Secretary

Bill No. 32-0064 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, this 9th day of July, 2018 A.D.



Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor

