

# ACT NO. 7895

**BILL NO. 31-0383**

## **THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**Regular Session**

**2016**

An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 470 pertaining to the registry of firearms

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

**SECTION 1.** Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 470 is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking all of the language after the first occurrence of "person" and inserting new language that reads: "upon entering the Virgin Islands and bringing any firearm or ammunition shall declare all firearms and ammunition to the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee immediately upon arrival to any port of entry and shall furnish a complete description of all firearms and ammunition brought into the Virgin Islands. The person shall also furnish the person's own name, address, date of birth and occupation."

(2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking "report" and inserting "declare the firearm or ammunition" by striking "in writing or in person" by inserting "or designee" after "Commissioner" and by striking "of his arrival" and inserting "at any port of entry"; and

(3) Subsection (c) is amended by striking "reporting" and inserting "making a declaration."

**SECTION 2.** Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3 is amended by adding section 470a to read as follows:

"§ 470a. The Virgin Islands Port Authority shall designate a location at each port which shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Police for registration of firearms or ammunition and shall install at each port appropriate signage notifying all persons of the requirements of section 470."

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on June 29, 2016.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of July, A.D., 2016.



*Neville James*  
Neville James  
President

*Myron D. Jackson*  
Myron D. Jackson  
Legislative Secretary



**Bill No. 31-0383 is hereby approved.**

**Witness my hand and the Seal of the  
Government of the United States  
Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,  
St. Thomas, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 A.D.**

*Kenneth E. Mapp*  
Kenneth E. Mapp  
Governor