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## SENATOR JOSEPH INTRODUCES BILL TO ADDRESS MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC LEGAL INFORMATION

ST. THOMAS, USVI - Senator Carla Joseph announced Wednesday that she has introduced a bill to address the management of electronic legal information in the Territory.

Bill 34-0034, sponsored by Senator Joseph, is an Act amending Title 1 Virgin Islands Code to enact the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act to provide for the management of electronic legal information to guarantee the trustworthiness and continuing access to important government legal material.

Senator Joseph said, "the authenticating and management of legal government documents electronically is critical in this day and age."

She said, "this legislation will bring the Territory into the 21st Century and lay the foundation for verified access and preservation of legal government documents both now and in the future. It is also important to note that this legislation represents the standards of the National Conference on Uniform State Laws and approved for the nation in 2011."

The bill will be leading the Monday, June 14, 2021, agenda for Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

Invited testifiers on Bill 34-0034 include Attorney Tom Bolt, Chair of the U.S. Virgin Islands Law Commission, Attorney Libby Synder, Legislative Counsel of the Uniform Law Commission, Troy de Chabert-Schister, State Director AARP of the Virgin Islands, and Leslie Street, Director of the Wolf Law Library.

Anyone interested in testifying on Bill 34-0034 should contact Senator Joseph's office no later than 4 PM on Friday, June 11, 2021.