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Governor Bryan Thanks 34th Legislature For Passing Fire-EMS Merger Bill

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — Governor Albert Bryan Jr. issued a statement thanking the members of the 34th Legislature for passing his proposed Fire-EMS merger legislation that will combine the two agencies so they can deliver more efficient and comprehensive emergency medical services to Virgin Islanders.

Under the Governor's version of the proposed merger legislation, the Territory's Emergency Medical Services will be a division of the V.I. Fire Service, which will oversee EMS. Legislation to combine the two agencies had been put before the Senate three times previously before Governor Bryan sent down his proposal.

"I want to thank the 34th Legislature for passing this critical legislation, and I want to thank in particular Senate President Donna Frett-Gregory for her leadership and Senate Vice President Novelle Francis Jr. for his work with our Administration in bringing this measure to the finish line," Governor Bryan said. "This merger will improve our emergency response and better leverage the resources of our Government, and, most importantly, it will bring emergency medical care to Virgin Islanders quickly and efficiently."

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