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**ALL ENTERTAINERS IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
MUST OBTAIN APPLICABLE LICENSE TYPE**

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) is reminding all entertainers (bands, disc jockeys, musicians, artists, etc.) and promoters in the Virgin Islands that they must be in possession of a valid business license. "With Carnival right around the corner, it is imperative that all entertainers and promoters are in full compliance with the established licensing laws of the Virgin Islands," said Commissioner Biggs.

Individuals working in the capacity of a band, disc jockey, musician, artist, or promoter must have the applicable business license in their possession at the event or venue where they are performing. The requirement for all entertainers and promoters to obtain a valid business license(s) is pursuant to Title 27, Section 301 of the Virgin Islands Code.

Commissioner Biggs advises all establishments hiring or contracting any form of entertainment to ensure that the individual(s) are duly licensed. "Until the legal requirements of obtaining a current business license from DLCA are fulfilled, entertainers engaging in a performance, show, concert, or event will be in violation of the licensing laws of the Virgin Islands. Any entertainer(s) found without the appropriate license will be subject to penalties and citations," said Commissioner Biggs.

The mission of DLCA is twofold with significant attention paid to businesses and consumers. Commissioner Biggs reminds the community that a key function of the department is to ensure that all businesses and individuals comply with the licensing laws of the Virgin Islands through education, regulation, and enforcement. "Our objective is to work with any entity or individual conducting commerce so that they are fully informed of the existing rules and regulations and how they may avoid enforcement action. All entertainers not abiding by the law are advised to expeditiously come into compliance," said Commissioner Biggs.

For additional information, contact the Licensing Division of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs on St. Croix at 773-2226 or St. Thomas at 774-3130.

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