

ACT NO. 9052

BILL NO. 36-0119

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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2025

An act amending Act No. 8651 by reprogramming the appropriated funds to the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation to fund the completion of the Randall “Doc” James Racetrack on St. Croix; amending title 4 Virgin Islands Code, section 72(a) regarding the tenure of judges of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands; amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, sections 706 and 755 regarding return to work for certain retirees; amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 56B regarding waste tire disposal; appropriating funds for the design and construction of the Vaughn Benjamin Monument; appropriating funds for the Virgin Islands Baseball Federation’s participation in the Confederation of Pan American Baseball Caribbean Cup Classic Tournament; amending title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21 regarding the allocation of monies from the Casino Revenue Fund; amending Act No. 8991 regarding the line of credit authorization and for other purposes

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Act No. 8651, section 1, as amended by Act No. 8690, section 25, and Act No. 8722, section 5, is further amended as follows:

- (a) In subsection (a), strike “as a grant to be used by VIGL Operations, LLC” and strike “under the direction of the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation”;
- (b) strike subsections (b) and (c) and insert a new subsection (b):
 - “(b) The funds appropriated in subsection (a) remain available until expended”.

SECTION 2. ~~Title 4 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 72, subsection (a) is amended by striking all the language after the second occurrence of “confirmed” in the second sentence.~~

SECTION 3. ~~Title 3 Virgin Islands Code is amended as follows:~~

- ~~(a) In chapter 27, section 706:~~

- (1) ~~strike subsection (e);~~
- (2) ~~In subsection (d):~~
 - (A) ~~Strike “Notwithstanding subsection (e),”;~~ and
 - (B) ~~paragraph (4), strike “Tier I” and insert “Tier II”.~~
- (b) ~~In chapter 28A, section 755:~~
 - (1) ~~strike subsection (e); and~~
 - (2) ~~strike “Notwithstanding subsection (e),”.~~

SECTION 4. Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part VI, chapter 56B, is amended as follows:

- (a) In section 1570j;
 - (1) By inserting “, or any person or entity processing waste tires” after each instance of “retailers”;
 - (2) By inserting “, or any person or entity processing waste tires” after “retailer”;
 - (3) By inserting “, or any person’s or entity’s” after “retailer’s”.
- (b) In section 1570k by striking subsection (a).
- (c) In section 1570m, subsection (d):
 - (1) by inserting “all” after “disburse”;
 - (2) by striking “upon the request of” and inserting “to”; and
 - (3) by inserting “Waste Management” before “Authority” where it first appears.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding the use restrictions of the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund established in title 33 Virgin Islands Code, section 3072, the sum of \$20,000 is appropriated from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 for the Ethiopian World Federation Local Five, Inc. to support the design and construction of the Vaughn Benjamin Monument. The sum remains available until expended. All the requirements and obligations in section 5 of Act No. 8840 remain in effect.

SECTION 6. Act No. 9011 is amended by adding the following subsection (c):

- “(c) The funds appropriated in section 2 subsection (b) remain available through September 30, 2026.”

SECTION 7. Act No. 9002 (Bill No. 36-0050) is amended in section 1, internal section 535, subsection (b) by striking “BSW” and “MSW”.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding the use restrictions of the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund established in title 33 Virgin Islands Code, section 3072, the sum of \$15,000 is appropriated from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 to be used by the Virgin Islands Baseball Federation for the purpose of assisting the Virgin Islands National Team’s representation of the territory at the Confederation of Pan American Baseball Caribbean Cup Classic Tournament.

SECTION 9. Title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, Article XI, section 517 is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following new subsections (c) and (d):

“(c) Monies in the Casino Revenue Fund must be allocated and used exclusively as follows:

- (1) 23 percent to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission for its operations;
- (2) 15 percent to the Department of Education for youth related extracurricular activities, such as: school-related clubs, organizations, sports, including travel within and outside of the Virgin Islands;
- (3) 10 percent to the Department of Justice, Division of Gaming Enforcement, for salaries and fringe benefits for additional administrative, investigative and support staff, excluding the Director of the Division;
- (4) 10 percent to the Department of Health;
- (5) 10 percent to the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation to fund territorial youth sport leagues, including basketball, baseball, tennis and soccer and for travel within and outside of the Virgin Islands;
- (6) 10 percent to the Virgin Islands Police Department;
- (7) 10 percent to youth programs sponsored by the Department of Labor;
- (8) Five percent to the Department of Agriculture to facilitate the mandates of the Territorial Agriculture Plan;
- (9) Four percent to the Virgin Islands Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation;

(10) Two percent to the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority to be deposited into a revolving fund established for the specific purpose of reconstruction and rehabilitation of the historic district towns of Christiansted and Frederiksted; and

(11) One percent to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission for programs to treat and prevent gambling addiction.”

(d) On March 15 and September 16 of each year, the Commissioner of Finance shall publish in not less than two newspapers of general circulation in the Virgin Islands a report detailing the total revenues received in the Casino Revenue Fund, the total disbursements from the Fund and the specific purpose of the disbursement. The report must cover the preceding six months ending December 31 and June 30. In addition to the appropriated funds in the annual budget of the Government of the Virgin Islands, a percentage of the funds must also be appropriated to the Department of Health for behavioral health facilities and initiatives as follows:

- (1) One percent in years one, two and three;
- (2) 0.05 percent in years four and five; and
- (3) 0.0025 percent every successive year thereafter.

SECTION 10. (a) Act No. 8991 (Bill No. 36-0063) is amended in section 2 (b) by inserting the following at the end “Of the \$200,000,000, \$100,000,000 shall be utilized as follows: “\$50,000,000 for operating expenditures and \$50,000,000 for either disaster-related or operating use if the federal government shutdown extends beyond December 1, 2025.

(b) The reallocation in subsection (a) terminates upon the reopening of the federal government.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on October 30, 2025.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 31st day of October, A.D., 2025.



Milton E. Potter
President

Avery L. Lewis
Secretary



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GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS

Bill No. 36-0119 is hereby approved with the exception of the following item(s), part or parts, portion or portions thereof, which are hereby objected to and disapproved and deleted as marked on the Bill, pursuant to Section 9(d) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954 as amended.

In **SECTION 2** by striking the section in its entirety:

“SECTION 2. Title 4 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 72, subsection (a) is amended by striking all the language after the second occurrence of “confirmed” in the second sentence.”

In **SECTION 3** by striking the section in its entirety:

“SECTION 3. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code is amended as follows:

- (a) In chapter 27, section 706:
 - (1) strike subsection (c);
 - (2) In subsection (d):
 - (A) Strike “Notwithstanding subsection (c),” and
 - (B) paragraph (4), strike “Tier I” and insert “Tier II”.
- (b) In chapter 28A, section 755:
 - (1) strike subsection (c); and
 - (2) strike “Notwithstanding subsection (c),”.”

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, this 10th day of November, 2025 A.D.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor