

ACT NO. 9065

BILL NO. 36-0135

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

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An act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 294 regarding expedited building permits for developers

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 294 is amended by adding the following subsection (h):

“(h) **Expedited Building Permits.** The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) may offer expedited building permits for developers who request and pay for expedited processing.

(1) The Commissioner shall establish a fee schedule for expedited building permits based on the complexity, scope, size of the project, and the urgency of the request.

(2) The developer requesting the expedited permit must pay the entire plan review fee in full, and 75 percent of the total permit fee prior to the commencement of the expedited review process. The balance of the permit fee, subject to recalculation by DPNR, must be paid upon receipt of the permit. Payments for expedited permits will be collected by the DPNR and all fees collected will be allocated towards improving the efficiency of permit processing and related services.

(3) DPNR shall provide a clear and transparent outline of the expedited permit fee structure, including specific rates for different types of development projects on the Department’s official website. DPNR shall notify the public, including all interested developers, of any changes to the fee schedule.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on November 19, 2025.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 20th day of November, A.D., 2025.



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Milton E. Potter
President

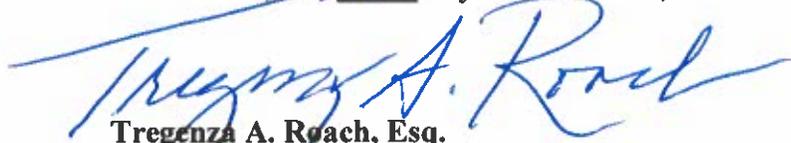
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Avery L. Lewis
Secretary



Bill No. 36-0135 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, this 25th day of November, 2025 A.D.


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Acting Governor