

# ACT NO. 9079

BILL NO. 36-0198

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(2) DOE ST CROIX SCIENCE TEACHERS FARM is amended by striking "FARM" and inserting "ASSOCIATION"; and

(3) by inserting an "\*" after "DOH MIH PROGRAM" and "JFLH CASA DE SALUD".

(c) On page 13, in "ORG 800 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES":

(1) Insert the following line item after "UTILITIES":

"DIVISION OF PERMITS PERSONNEL \$600,000";

(2) Strike "\$6,068,164" and insert "6,668,164"; and

(3) Strike "7,009,487" and insert "7,609,487".

(d) On page 15, in "SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND", strike "\$684,841,974" and insert "\$685,441,974"; and

(e) On page 15, in "GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND", strike "\$738,601,274" and insert "\$739,201,274".

**SECTION 2.** Act No. 9045 is amended as follows:

(1) by striking "\$6,074,209" and inserting "\$5,509,209";

(2) by inserting "Section 1, Item T, ORG 400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and" after "through";

(3) by inserting an "\*" after "IAA ATHLETIC PROGRAM" and "INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS"; and

(4) by striking the following:

DOA HUMANE SOCIETY STT\*

DOA R.E.A.L CATS SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM\*

DOA RUFF START SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM\*

DOA ST CROIX ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM\*

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DOA STJ ANIMAL CARE CENTER\*

DOA ST CROIX ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER\*

DSPR DORCAS STT\*

DSPR DORCAS STX\*

DSPR JUNIOR DRAGSTERS\*

**SECTION 3.** Act No. 9072 is amended by striking section 3 and inserting the following new section 3:

“**SECTION 3.** Not later than 60 days after the effective date of this act, retailers that possess THCA delta-6THC, delta-8 THC, delta-10 THC, or other intoxicating cannabinoid products shall submit a list of intoxicating cannabinoid products to the Office of Cannabis Regulation.

Not later than 75 days after the effective date of this act, retailers shall sell or otherwise dispose of all THCA delta-6THC, delta-8 THC, delta-10 THC, or other intoxicating cannabinoid products remaining in their inventory. After the 75-day period, the Office of Cannabis Regulation shall establish and implement a plan for the lawful disposition of all remaining unsold intoxicating cannabinoid products.”

**SECTION 4.** (a) The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works for repairs to the wall and exterior gates of the Frederiksted Public Cemetery.”

(b) The sum appropriated in subsection (a) remains until expended.

**SECTION 5.** Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, section 590b, as amended by Act No. 9074, section 4 (Bill No. 36-0210), is further amended by striking subsection (e) in its entirety and inserting the following subsection (e):

“(e) For purposes of this section, “serious illness” means a physical or mental health condition that requires ongoing medical treatment, supervision, or assistance and that substantially limits the individual’s ability to perform daily living activities or requires the active involvement of a caregiver.”

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on March 18, 2026.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2026.



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Milton E. Potter  
President

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Secretary



**Bill No. 36- 0198 is hereby approved.**

**Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of  
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,  
St. Thomas, This 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 A.D.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

**Albert Bryan Jr.  
Governor**