

ACT NO. 9 1 0 7

BILL NO. 36-0275

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An act approving the amended lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Hearts In Service Association, Inc., for the leasing of Parcel No. 175C Estate Anna's Retreat No. 1 New Quarter, St. Thomas for the purpose of providing eligible programs and services to homeless families, individuals, veterans, and at-risk youth and the operation of a soup kitchen and other related purposes

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WHEREAS, on July 14, 2021, the Governor of the Virgin Islands approved a Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Hearts In Service Association, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the lease agreement was ratified by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on December 23, 2021, and is now Act No. 8532;

WHEREAS, the premises are being used to provide eligible programs and services to homeless families, individuals, veterans, and at-risk youth including transitional housing and the operation of a soup kitchen and other related purposes;

WHEREAS, additionally, in the event of a natural disaster, the premises may be used by the lessor as a temporary shelter, the details of which use will be governed by a separate memorandum of agreement between the parties;

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2026, the Governor of the Virgin Islands approved the amended lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Hearts In Service Association, Inc.;

WHEREAS, title 31 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 205, subsection (c) provides that in addition to the Governor's approval of any lease, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands must approve all leases exceeding a term of one year; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to title 31 Virgin Islands Code, section 205, subsection (c), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands approves the amended lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement, and Hearts In Service Association, Inc., for Parcel No. 175C Annas Retreat, No. 1 New Quarter, St. Thomas, consisting of approximately 16,041 sq. ft., or 0.368 U.S. acres of land, as shown on DPNR File No. D9-4696-T89 for an initial term of 15 years, with options to renew for two, five-year terms at an annual rental fee of \$1,200, for the purpose of providing eligible programs and services to homeless families, individuals, veterans, and at-risk youth and the operation of a soup kitchen and other related purposes.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on May 28, 2026.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 29th day of May, A.D., 2026.



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Milton E. Potter
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Avery L. Lewis".

Avery L. Lewis
Secretary



Bill No. 36- 0275 is hereby approved.

**Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, This 9th day of June, 2026 A.D.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.", written in a cursive style.

**Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor**