

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES,
CONSUMER AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

BILL NO. 31-0374

Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

May 31, 2016

An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I as it relates to licenses issued for establishing new gas stations on the islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix

PROPOSED BY: Senator Sammuel Sanes

1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I is amended by adding a section
3 301d to read:

4 **“§301d.** After notice and public hearing, the Commissioner shall establish a numerical
5 limitation on gas station businesses on the islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix commencing on June 1,
6 2018. The numerical limitation must be reviewed annually after notice and public hearing, and must be
7 based solely on a determination that licenses in excess of the limitation would have an adverse effect on
8 the public, safety, morale, or welfare.”

9 **SECTION 2.** Commencing on the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Licensing and
10 Consumer Affairs shall impose a two-year moratorium on the issuance of business licenses for
11 establishing new gas stations on the islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix.

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BILL SUMMARY

Section 1 of this bill amends title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I to provide for the establishment of a numerical limitation on the number of gas station licenses to be issued on St. Thomas and St. Croix. Section 2 of the bill mandates the Commissioner of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to impose a two-year moratorium on the issuance of new licenses for gas stations.

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