

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES,  
CONSUMER AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**BILL NO. 31-0387**

**Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**August 18, 2016**

An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33 pertaining to expedited government services

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, is amended by adding section 882a to  
3 read as follows:

4 “§882a. Fees for expedited government services

5 (a) Every government department, agency, bureau and instrumentality may offer expedited  
6 services for an additional fee equal to 1 1/3 of the regular fee.

7 (b) A request for expedited services may be made by regular mail, telephone or electronic  
8 medium or in person giving the name and address of the person requesting the services, and the purpose  
9 of the services.

10 (c) No expedited request for the services may be processed unless the services are paid for in  
11 advance in cash, or by postal money order, or certified cashier's check.

1 (d) Once the expedited services are requested and paid for in advance, the department,  
2 agency, bureau or instrumentality has six working days to provide the services, but if services cannot be  
3 rendered within the six working days, the services must be provided free of charge and any advanced  
4 fees paid must be returned to the person that paid for the services.

5 (e) Each department, agency, bureau and instrumentality shall post in a conspicuous place at  
6 the entrance to the main offices where the services are offered a statement of the documentation required  
7 for the services requested. In addition, such information must be posted on the official website of the  
8 department, agency, bureau or instrumentality.

9 **BILL SUMMARY**

10 This bill allows for expedited government services upon request by a person and advanced  
11 payment. The fees for the services are the regular fees plus one third of the regular fees. The bill allows  
12 for the request to be made in person or by other methods. The bill also provides for a method of  
13 payment and gives a timeline for the delivery of services and provides a penalty against the government  
14 if the services are paid for and not timely delivered and it provides for each instrumentality to post the  
15 required documents necessary for rendering the services.

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