33rd Legislature of the Virgin Islands

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED, PRO FORMA AND ASSIGNED TO RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES ON JANUARY 23, 2020

Bill No. 33-0239 – An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3 relating to the permanent closure of public schools

Proposed by Senator Myron D. Jackson
Assigned to the Committee on Education and Workforce Development

Bill No. 33-0240 - An Act amending titles 3, 28, and 33 of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the conveyance of real property, the recording of instruments, and the associated recording fees and taxes

Proposed by Senator Kurt A. Vialet
Assigned to the Committee on Finance

Bill No. 33-0241 - An Act amending title 33, chapter 3, section 57, subsection (b) of the Virgin Islands Code to increase the marine terminal tax, with half of the increased amount remitted to the Virgin Islands Port Authority and the other half to the Government Employee Retirement Service

Proposed by Senator Myron D. Jackson
Assigned to the Committee on Finance

Bill No. 33-0242 - A Resolution to petition the members of 116th United States Congress to terminate the statutory cap on overall Medicaid funding to the Territory, to eliminate the specific limit of 55 percent on the rate of federal matching funds for Medicaid in the Territory and to provide for the eligibility of the Territory to receive Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments, so that the Territory can strengthen its Medicaid Program to enroll and provide care for all of the Territory’s residents who are Medicaid eligible and for additional funding to help offset the Territory’s uncompensated care costs

Proposed by Senator Donna Frett-Gregory
Co-sponsors: Oakland Benta and Stedmann Hodge, Jr
Assigned to the Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services

Bill No. 33-0243 - An Act amending title 5, subtitle 3, chapter 301, subchapter IV of the Virgin Islands Code by repealing section 3510 and adding a new chapter 301A creating the Child Victims’ and Child Witnesses’ Rights Act

Proposed by Senator Allison L. DeGazon
(Assigned to the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs)
Bill No. 33-0244 – An Act to amend title 1, chapter 11 of the Virgin Islands Code to declare the month of May as Virgin Islands Mental Health Awareness Month and to assign the responsibilities of increasing mental health awareness and reducing the stigma of mental illness to the Department of Health and the Department of Education

Proposed by Senators Donna Frett- Gregory, Alicia V. Barnes, Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Steven D. Payne, Sr.
Assigned to the Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services

Bill No. 33-0245 - An Act honoring and commending Pastor Hector González for his 56-plus years of ministry and his outstanding service and dedication to the people of St. Croix, and naming a road in his honor

Proposed by Senator Alicia V. Barnes
Assigned to the Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation and Aging

Bill No. 33-0246 - An Act amending title 19, chapter 45 of the Virgin Islands Code adding subchapter VI relating to maternal mental health

Proposed by Senator Allison L. DeGazon
Assigned to the Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services

Bill No. 33-0247 - A Resolution honoring and commending Wallace D. Williams for his years of extensive work and service as a librarian and his accomplishments as an Olympic athlete representing the U.S. Virgin Islands in multiple competitions

Proposed by Senator Javan E. James, Sr.
Assigned to the Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation and Aging

Bill No. 33-0248 - An Act amending title 14 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new chapter 125 making nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images a crime

Proposed by Senator Allison L. DeGazon
(Assigned to the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs)

Bill No. 33-0249 – An Act amending title 7, Chapter 9, section 9 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new paragraph mandating the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Tourism shall host an Agricultural symposium known as the V.I. Agricultural Caribbean Symposium, alternately and annually on the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John

Proposed by Senators Javan E. James, Sr. and Allison L. DeGazon
(Assigned to the Committee on Economic Development, Regulations and Agriculture)

Bill No. 33-0250 – An Act amending title 3, chapter 9, section 134a, subsection (b) of the Virgin Islands Code, relating to the duties of the Department of Public Works, Division of Capital Improvement in administering and coordinating capital improvement projects, to
require that a Front-End Engineering and Design is completed for each capital improvement project of the various departments and agencies of the Government of the Virgin Islands before the procurement of engineering and construction services

**Proposed by Senators Alicia V. Barnes and Steven D. Payne, Sr.**
*(Assigned to the Committee on Government Operations, consumer Affairs, Energy, Environment and Planning)*

**Bill No. 33-0251** - An Act amending title 27, chapter 1 of the Virgin Islands Code to allow licensed Doctors of Podiatric Medicine to supervise physician assistants

**Proposed by Senators Kurt A. Vialet, Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Steven D. Payne, Sr.**
*(Assigned to the Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services)*

**Bill No. 33-0252** - An Act amending Act No. 8245 by supplementing the appropriations for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

** Proposed by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr by Request of the Governor**
*(Assigned to the Committee on Finance)*

**Bill No. 33-0253** - An Act appropriating $331,344 from the Youth Education and Training Endowment Fund to the Department of Education for the purchase of athletic equipment to be distributed amongst the several public schools

**Proposed by Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.**
*(Assigned to the Committee on Finance)*

**Bill No. 33-0254** - An Act amending Act No. 7233 to reprogram monies appropriated to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to be used for the expansion of the Bovoni Water line project

**Proposed by Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff and Steven D. Payne, Sr.**
*(Assigned to the Committee on Finance)*

**Bill No. 33-0256** - An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, subchapter II, section 945 to allow previous land owners or homeowners who no longer own real property to participate in the affordable homeownership program

**Proposed by Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.**
*(Assigned to the Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications)*

**Bill No. 33-0257** – An Act amending title 9 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, section 233 by increasing the monetary penalty for violating a provision of the chapter

**Proposed by Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.**
*(Assigned to the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs)*