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**BILL NO. 35-0054**

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

**March 2, 2023**

An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, section 103b, relating to the Centennial Treasures Award, to provide for a single, lumpsum award payment

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff, Angel L. Bolques, Jr.,  
Samuel Carrión and Diane T. Capehart  
Co-sponsor: Ray Fonseca

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, section 103b, subsection (c) is  
3 amended by striking all the language after “grant of” and inserting “\$5,000” in its place.

4 **BILL SUMMARY**

5 This bill amends the Centennial Treasures Award statute to provide for a single \$5,000  
6 award payment. Under existing law, upon a person’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Commissioner of the  
7 Department of Human Services awards the centenarian \$4,000, and upon the death of the  
8 centenarian, another 1,000 is awarded towards the recipient’s burial. Under this bill, the  
9 centenarian would receive the entire \$5,000 in a single payment upon the centenarian’s 100<sup>th</sup>  
10 birthday.

11 **BR23-0415/February 23, 2023/YLT**