

BILL NO. 35-_____

**THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**REGULAR SESSION
2024**

An Act to provide for cruise ships to operate their casino while berthed in St. Croix, VI.

PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR

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2 **WHEREAS**, the operation of a casino in the Virgin Islands of the United States was legalized by
3 the passage of the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Casino Control Commission has the general responsibility, including without
5 limitation, to hear and decide promptly and in reasonable order all license, registration, certificate,
6 and permit applications and causes affecting the granting, suspension, revocation, or renewal
7 thereof; and

8 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Act No. 6287, cruise ships anchored or docked at the piers in St. Thomas
9 and St. John may operate their onboard casinos for use by their passengers only; and

10 **WHEREAS**, to incentivize more cruise ship calls to the Port of St. Croix by allowing cruise ships
11 with an amenity to stay in the Port for a longer period of time and to provide its guests and crew
12 with an opportunity to soak up more of the crucian culture, “A Vibe like no other”.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other law, cruise ships anchored or docked at the piers in St.
15 Croix may operate their onboard casinos for use by their passengers only.

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BILL SUMMARY

18 The Bill provides for cruise ships to operate their casino while berthed in St. Croix, VI.