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**AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 36-0070
Offered by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger**

Bill No. 36-0070, section 1, internal section 423, is amended by inserting the following subsections (e) and (f):

“(e) Any property acquired by eminent domain before the effective date of this act shall be subject to an additional 10-year period for the Government of the Virgin Islands to utilize the property for its intended public purpose.

(f) For all properties subject to the 10-year extension period described in subsection (e), the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement shall submit a written report to the President of the Legislature every two years, outlining the status of the property. The report must include:

- (1) the proposed public use;
- (2) all project planning, funding, or permitting activities underway; and
- (3) a demonstration of measurable progress toward initiating the project.

For purposes of this subsection: (i) “measurable progress” means documented action that reflects movement toward active use of the property, including but not limited to budget appropriations, signed contracts, engineering or architectural designs, or commencement of physical site work; and (ii) “initiate or initiating” means at least ten percent of the project’s physical construction or build-out is completed.

If at the conclusion of the 10-year extension period no public use project has been initiated, the previous owner or their heirs may petition the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands for the return of the property in accordance with subsection (b).”

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