

BILL NO. 36-0019

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

February 27, 2025

An Act amending title 12A Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, subchapter I, section 101 to prohibit the imposition of a surcharge for the use of a credit or debit card

PROPOSED BY: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 12A Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, subchapter I, section 101 is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and inserting the following subsections (b), (c) and (d):

“(b) No person, merchant, corporation or vendor shall impose a surcharge on a consumer who chooses to use a credit card instead of cash, check or any similar means of payment in any transaction that involves the sale or lease of products and services.

(c) Merchants may offer discounts to promote payment in cash, check or any other similar method that does not involve the use of a credit card, provided that the discount is offered to all potential buyers.

(d) For purposes of this section the term “surcharge” means any increase in the regular price of a product or service imposed on the client by the merchant or lessor when using a credit card as a method of payment.”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the imposition of a surcharge for the use of a credit or debit card in the purchase of goods or services.

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