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REVISED I

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY

AGENDA

The 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a hearing for **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I:

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Bill No. 36-0032 - An act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3080 by limiting the salary amount used to compute the service retirement annuity for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands. *Proposed by: Senators Kurt A. Viatet and Ray Fonseca*

Bill No. 36-0062 - An Act approving the lease agreement between the government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for a portion of the telecommunications tower located on Parcel R-22 of Tract 1 Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas. *Proposed by: Senator Milton E. Potter, by Request of the Governor*

Bill No. 36-0098 - An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Caribbean Buzz, LLC for a portion of Remainder Parcel No. 3B Estate Susannaberg, 17A Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands for the purpose of operating and managing a helicopter transportation service at the existing helipad and for other permitted purposes. *Proposed by: Senator Milton E. Potter, by Request of the Governor*

BLOCK II:

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Bill No. 36-0024 - An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 85 by adding section 1710 declaring a person incapable of consent to sexual relations while the person is in police custody. *Proposed by: Senator Ray Fonseca*

Bill No. 36-0027 - An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I, chapter 311, by enacting Jah’niqua’s Law requiring a defendant to pay restitution in form of child maintenance if the victim of the offense was the parent or guardian of a minor child or dependent and if the defendant was convicted of negligent homicide by means of a motor vehicle, a violation of the title 20 Virgin Islands Code, section 504, while under the influence of or affected by intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs; or was convicted of

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driving under the influence of intoxicating liquors or controlled substances, a violation of title 20 Virgin Islands Code, section 493, which results in an accident that causes the victim to become disabled or totally and permanently disabled. **Proposed by: Senators Kenneth L. Gittens, Avery L. Lewis and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.**

Bill No. 36-0031 – An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, subchapter IV, section 1073 to exempt a public safety agency or privacy safety entity from liability for acts of negligence in the operation, administration or maintenance of a 911 service unless the acts are committed in a grossly negligent manner or are committed with willful intent. **Proposed by: Senators Alma Francis Heyliger and Avery L. Lewis**

Bill No. 36-0057 – An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 314, section 3733, subsection (a) to require automatic expungement of the arrest record and complaint or information when the accused has been acquitted. **Proposed by: Senators Alma Francis Heyliger and Avery L. Lewis**

LUNCH: **1:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

BLOCK III: **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

Bill No. 36-0035 – An Act amending title 15 Virgin Islands Code, article V to allow the Governor of the Virgin Islands to implement the federal mandate of the Stephen J. Beck, Jr., Achieving Better Life Experiences, which provides for the establishment of savings accounts for persons with disabilities.

Proposed by: Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr., and Kurt A. Viatet Co-sponsors Marise C. James, Hubert L Frederick, Ray Fonseca, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., Avery L. Lewis and Milton E. Potter

Bill No. 36-0043 – An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part VI, chapter 53, subchapter IV, section 1481 by increasing the penalties for violation of sanitation laws. **Proposed by: Senators Angel L. Bolques, Jr. and Marvin A. Blyden**

Bill No. 36-0050 – An Act repealing and reenacting with amendments title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 20, relating to the regulation of the profession of social work and social workers. **Proposed by: Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Marvin A. Blyden**

Bill No. 36-0051 – An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 20 by establishing the Virgin Islands Board of Social Work Licensure. **Proposed by: Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Marvin A. Blyden**

BLOCK IV: **3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

Bill No. 36-0029 – A Resolution honoring and commending Sonya Hough, the creator of the St. Croix “Crucian” Hook Bracelet and proprietor of one of the first hand-wrought jewelry stores in St. Croix. **Proposed by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens, Co-sponsor Ray Fonseca**

Bill No. 36-0007 – A resolution honoring and commending James Sasso for distinguished service in the mortuary and funeral service industry. **Proposed by: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr. Co-sponsor Avery L. Lewis and Ray Fonseca**

Bill No. 36-0064 – An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3100i aligning the disbursement and spending limitations of funds allotted to public schools from the Education Initiative Fund with the realities of academic planning, ensuring that funds are used to maximize student success. **Proposed by: Senator Kurt A. Viatet**

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Bill No. 36-0090 – An act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 by adding section 200m to declare the week beginning the Monday before the first Friday in June as the Virgin Islands Gun Violence Awareness Week. *Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

Bill No. 36-0097 – A resolution commending the National Conference of States Legislatures (“NCSL”) on its 50th anniversary and recognizing the NCSL for its commitment to the legislative institution. *Proposed by Senator Milton Potter.*

Bill No. 36-0012 – An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27 to streamline the GERS disability annuity approval procedures and for other related issues. *Proposed by Senator Milton Potter*

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