

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE

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BILL NO. 36-0210

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

November 17, 2025

An act appropriating the sum of \$4,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Fund to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority for the repair, replacement, and operation of streetlights throughout the Territory

PROPOSED BY: Senator Kurt A. Vialet
Sponsor: Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the use restrictions in title 22 Virgin Islands Code,
3 section 237(a)(3)(A), and title 33 Virgin Islands Code, section 3061(b), the sum of \$4,000,000
4 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the Virgin Islands Insurance
5 Guaranty Fund to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority for the repair, replacement,
6 and operation of streetlights as follows:

7 (1) \$1,800,000 for St. Croix;
8 (2) \$1,200,000 for St. Thomas/St. John; and
9 (3) \$1,000,000 for payment of outstanding bills.

10 **SECTION 2.** No later than 45 days after enactment, the Virgin Islands Water and Power
11 Authority shall submit a streetlighting plan to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands. Funds
12 appropriated under section 1 shall be made available only after submission of the plan.

1 **SECTION 3.** The funds appropriated in section 1 remain available until expended.

2 **BILL SUMMARY**

3 This bill appropriates \$4,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Fund to
4 the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) for the repair, replacement, and
5 operation of streetlights. The appropriation is allocated as follows: \$1,800,000 for St. Croix,
6 \$1,200,000 for St. Thomas/St. John, and \$1,000,000 for outstanding bills and requires WAPA
7 to submit a streetlighting plan to the Legislature within 45 days of enactment.

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