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Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs,
and Consumer Protection

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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY

AGENDA

Please be advised that the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands Committee on Rules and Judiciary has schedule a hearing **for Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.** The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimonies and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I:

10:00AM—11:30 AM

Bill No: 36-0144 - An act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 113 to define and prohibit assault rifles, ban suppressors and silencers, and requiring safety training for licensed rifles and shotgun holders; prohibiting large capacity magazines and preventing the illegal sales of firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition. **Sponsored by: Senators Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., Marise C. James, and Franklin D. Johnson**

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Mario Brooks, Commissioner
Virgin Islands Police Department

Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General
Virgin Islands Department of Justice

Mr. Kosei Ohno, Member
VI Safe Gun Owners

Mr. Luis Valdez, Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands Director of Outreach
Gun Owners of America

BLOCK II:

11:30AM—1:30PM

Bill No: 36-0105 - An act amending title 7 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter III by prohibiting the possession, sale, or manufacture of tetrahydrocannabinol acid, delta-6 THC, delta-8 THC and delta-10 THC products in the Virgin Islands and for other related purposes. **Sponsored by: Senators Clifford A. Joseph, Sr. and Marise C. James**

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Mario Brooks, *Commissioner*
Virgin Islands Police Department

Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq., *Attorney General of the Virgin Islands*
Virgin Islands Department of Justice

Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge, *Commissioner*
Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

Honorable Justa Encarnacion, *Commissioner*
Virgin Islands Department of Health

Ms. Joanne Moorehead, *Executive Director*
Virgin Islands Office of Cannabis Regulation

Ms. Riise Richards, Chair
Virgin Islands Industrial Hemp Commission

Mr. Duane Howell, *Executive Director*
ARCH Institute

Ms. Lindsey Rithamel and Mr. Ryan Kohrig, *Owners*
The Remedy

LUNCH:**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM****BLOCK III:****2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

Bill No. 36-0123 - An act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 43, subchapter I, section 493 making it unlawful for a person who has 0.04 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood to operate a commercial motor vehicle, and making it unlawful for a person under the age of 21 years who has any detectable amount of alcohol in his blood, to operate a motor vehicle. **Proposed by: Senator Ray Fonseca**

Bill No. 36-0136 - An act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 17, subchapter II by adding new sections 1331 through 1336 mandating lethal weapon training for security guards and investigators. **Proposed by: Senator Avery L. Lewis**

Bill No. 36-0099 - which proposes amendments to Title 34, Chapter 15 of the Virgin Islands Code to improve the territory's responsiveness to elder abuse cases. The bill mandates the creation of an Elder Anti-Abuse Multidisciplinary Team within the Department of Human Services and requires collaboration with the Department of Justice to facilitate protective order requests through the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands. **Proposed by Senators Angel L. Bolques, Jr. and Marvin Blyden**

Bill No. 36-0061 - An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 706 and chapter 28A, section 755 allowing retirees who are receiving an annuity from the Government Employees

Retirement System who are subsequently employed by the University of the Virgin Islands (“UVI”), to continue to receive their GERS annuity while receiving their salary from the University if the retiree enrolls in a different retirement plan. **Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph**

Bill No. 36-0058 An Act honoring and commending Dennis “Pumpa” Lennox Leroy Liburd, Jr. for his many contributions to the Virgin Islands culture and music industry as a Soca artist by awarding him the Official key to the Territory and naming the main entrance of 6-Y Peters Rest Road, Christiansted, St. Croix in his honor. **Proposed by Senators Marise C. James, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Avery L. Lewis, Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., and Kurt A. Violet**

Bill No. 36-0107 A resolution honoring and commending Dr. Alfred Lee Anduze for his outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the fields of medicine, science, public health, and community empowerment. **Proposed by Senators Kurt A. Violet, Avery Lewis, Marise C. James, Kenneth L. Gittens, and Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.**

Bill No. 36-0121 An act to rename the Peter Carl Limpricht Park the TSK Park in honor of the Ten Sleepless Knights quelbe band and making an appropriation to effectuate that change. **Proposed by Senators Marise C. James, Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., Avery L. Lewis, Kenneth L. Gittens, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Kurt A. Violet, and Franklin D. Johnson**

Bill No. 36-0110 An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part I, chapter 1 to require a permit from the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works before the excavation of any public roadway **Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.**

Bill No. 36-0039 An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 4, section 75 by increasing the costs to bring containers or flat rack containers into the Virgin Islands and reallocating how monies collected pursuant to section 75 allocated **Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.**

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