

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS  
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**BILL NO. 36-0208**

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**Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**November 17, 2025**

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A resolution recognizing United States Senator Mike Crapo for his instrumental role in securing the historic increase in the rum cover over tax reimbursement for the Virgin Islands

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Avery L. Lewis  
Co-sponsor: Ray Fonseca

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1       **WHEREAS**, on July 4, 2025, President Donald J. Trump signed legislation into law that  
2 increased the rum cover over tax reimbursement for the Virgin Islands from \$10.50 to \$13.25  
3 per proof gallon;

4       **WHEREAS**, the increase represents a significant step forward in supporting the  
5 economy of the Virgin Islands, helping to service public debt, and providing critical assistance  
6 to stabilize the Government Employees Retirement System;

7       **WHEREAS**, the enactment of the legislation reflects years of advocacy and  
8 determination by numerous stakeholders, including the Governor of the Virgin Islands, the  
9 Legislature, the Delegate to Congress, and members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of  
10 Representatives;

