

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE

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BILL NO. 36-0275

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

March 13, 2026

An act approving the amended lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Hearts In Service Association, Inc., for the leasing of Parcel No. 175C Estate Anna's Retreat No. 1 New Quarter, St. Thomas for the purpose of providing eligible programs and services to homeless families, individuals, veterans, and at-risk youth and the operation of a soup kitchen and other related purposes

PROPOSED BY: Senators Milton E. Potter, Marvin A. Blyden, Avery L. Lewis, Alma Francis Heyliger and Ray Fonseca, by Request of the Governor

1 **WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2021, the Governor of the Virgin Islands approved a Lease
2 Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Hearts In Service Association,
3 Inc.;

4 **WHEREAS**, the lease agreement was ratified by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on
5 December 23, 2021, and is now Act No. 8532;

6 **WHEREAS**, the premises are being used to provide eligible programs and services to
7 homeless families, individuals, veterans, and at-risk youths including transitional housing and
8 the operation of a soup kitchen and other related purposes;

9 **WHEREAS**, additionally, in the event of a natural disaster, the premises may be used by
10 the lessor as a temporary shelter, the details of which use will be governed by a separate
11 memorandum of agreement between the parties;

1 insurance requirement from \$3,000,000 to \$1,000,000 and changes the fire and extended
2 coverage start date to the date the lessee receives its occupancy certificates for the premises.

3 **BR26-1059/March 10, 2026/PFA**

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