

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND
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BILL NO. 36-0391

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 21, 2026

An act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part II, chapter 111, section 3039a by revising the allocation of the monies deposited into the Virgin Islands Water and Power Generating and Infrastructure Fund

PROPOSED BY: Senators Marise C. James, Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.,
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Sponsor: Ray Fonseca

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part II, chapter 111, section 3039a is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (b) is stricken and the following new subsection (b) is inserted:

“(b) Not later than fifteenth day of the month following the month in which the revenues from the tax imposed under title 33 V. I. C., § 91(a) are collected, the Commissioner of Finance shall allocate and deposit the monies monthly as follows:

(1) an amount equal to seven cents for each gallon of fuel subject to the tax must be deposited into the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands; and

(2) an amount equal to seven cents for each gallon fuel subject to the tax must be deposited into the Virgin Islands Water and Power Generating and Infrastructure Fund.”

(b) subsection (d) is amended by adding at the end of the subsection the following:
“The report must separately state:

1 (1) the total fuel-tax revenues collected;

2 (2) the amount deposited into the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands
3 and the amount deposited into the Fund;

4 (3) the amount of utility credits provided to each hospital;

5 (4) any unused credits carried forward; and

6 (5) the amount retained for the purposes authorized under subsection (c).

7 (c) subsection (e) is stricken; and

8 (d) subsection (d) is redesignated as subsection (e) and the following new subsection
9 (d) is inserted:

10 “(d) Of the monthly allocation to the Fund under subsection (b)(2), the Virgin
11 Islands Water and Power Authority shall provide a credit against the current electric and
12 water utility charges of the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center and the
13 Roy L. Schneider Hospital and Medical Center for that month. The monthly credit must
14 be equally allocated between the two hospitals. A credit may not be paid to either hospital
15 or used for any other purpose other than for the payment of electric and water utility
16 charges. Any portion of the credit exceeding a hospital’s current monthly charges must
17 be carried forward and applied to that hospital’s subsequent electric and water utility
18 charges. The remaining monthly amount allocated to the Fund must be expended for the
19 purposes authorized under subsection (c).”

20 **BILL SUMMARY**

21 The bill reduces the amount of money allocated to the Virgin Islands Water and Power
22 Authority from the Virgin Islands Water and Power Generating and Infrastructure Fund for
23 new energy and power generating units and for assisting with the issuance of bonds by 50
24 percent. The Authority must use the remaining 50 percent as credit against the monthly utility
25 bills of the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center and the Roy L. Schneider

- 1 Hospital and Medical Center, which must be divided equally between the hospitals. Any
- 2 remaining credit must be applied to subsequent monthly bills.
- 3 **BR26-1312/September 21, 2026/SLR/Revised September 21, 2026/SLR**