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BILL NO. 35-0200

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

November 14, 2023

An Act requiring the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to issue a monthly water bill abatement for six months to residential and commercial customers receiving potable water service in an area impacted by unsatisfactory levels of lead and copper

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. (a) The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority shall issue a monthly water bill abatement to St. Croix residential and commercial customers receiving potable water service in areas officially declared as being impacted by unsatisfactory levels of lead and copper as provided in this section:

(1) The abatement amount must be equal to 50% of the customer's average water bill for the months of May through October 2023.

(2) The abatement commences the first billing cycle after the enactment date of this act and continues for five consecutive billing cycles, for a total of six billing cycles.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill requires the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to issue a monthly water bill abatement for six months to St. Croix residential and commercial customers receiving potable water service in areas officially declared as being impacted by unsatisfactory levels of lead and copper. The abatement amount must be equal to 50% of the customer's average water bill for the months of May through October 2023.

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