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10/30/2025-SPECIAL ORDERED TO THE FLOOR

BILL NO. 36-0202

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

October 30, 2025

An act appropriating the sum of \$2.77 million from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Department of Human Services to cover the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) deficit resulting from the Federal Government Shutdown of 2025

PROPOSED BY: Senators Milton E. Potter, Kurt A. Violet, Kenneth L. Gittens, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Marise C. James, Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., Marvin A. Blyden, Carla J. Joseph, Franklin D. Johnson, Ray Fonseca, and Hubert L. Frederick

1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2 **SECTION 1.** (a) Notwithstanding the use restrictions of the Budget Stabilization Fund
3 established in title 33 Virgin Islands Code, section 3100m, the sum of \$2,770,000 is
4 appropriated from the Budget Stabilization Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the
5 Virgin Islands to the Department of Human Services in the fiscal year ending September 30,
6 2026 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payments to cover the financial
7 deficit created by the Federal Government Shutdown of 2025.

8 (b) The sum appropriated in subsection (a) remains available until expended.

BILL SUMMARY

10 This bill appropriates \$2,770,000 from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Department
11 of Human Services to cover the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) deficit

1 resulting from the Federal Government Shutdown of 2025. The appropriation ensures
2 continued SNAP benefits to eligible Virgin Islands residents during the period of federal
3 funding disruption and remains available until expended.

4 **BR25-0903/October 30, 2025/KEH**