

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE

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BILL NO. 36-0166

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 10, 2025

An act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands Department of Education, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, the Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

PROPOSED BY: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other law, the following sums are appropriated in the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund, to the Waste Management Authority to fund various festivals, the Office of the Governor to fund programs; the Department of Education for Interscholastic Competition; the Virgin Islands Police Department for police operations on St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix; the Department of Public Works; the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation for promotion of sports, tourism, sports programs, and other related purposes and the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs for the Office of Cannabis Regulation; the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System for coverage of Division of Festival Parades

1 territory wide; and the Department of Tourism to fund operating expenses, department
 2 maintenance, supplies, equipment and other related purposes.

3 **6068 TOURISM ADVERTISING REVOLVING FUND** **FY2026**

4 **620 VI WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

5 **TOTAL 620 VI WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY** **\$ 500,000**

6 **200 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

7 **TOTAL 200 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR** **\$ 300,000**

8 **400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

9 **TOTAL 400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** **\$ 500,000**

10 **500 VI POLICE DEPARTMENT**

11 **OPERATING EXPENSES** **\$3,000,000**

12 **TOTAL 500 VI POLICE DEPARTMENT** **\$3,000,000**

13 **610 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

14 **OPERATING EXPENSES** **\$1,000,000**

15 **TOTAL 610 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS** **\$1,000,000**

16 **830 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

17 **OPERATING EXPENSES** **\$ 500,000**

18 **TOTAL 830 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** **\$ 500,000**

19 **840 DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, PARKS & RECREATION**

20 **SPORTS TOURISM, SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS** **\$ 500,000**

21 **TOTAL 840 DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, PARKS & RECREATIONS** **\$ 500,000**

22 **380 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

23 **OFFICE OF CANNABIS REGULATION** **\$ 200,000**

24 **TOTAL 380 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & CONSUMER AFFAIRS** **\$ 200,000**

1 **VIRGIN ISLANDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM**

2 **COVERAGE OF DIVISION OF FESTIVAL PARADES TERRITORY \$ 100,000**

3 **WIDE**

4 **TOTAL VIRGIN ISLANDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM \$ 100,000**

5 **920 DEPARTMENT OF TOURSIM**

6 **PERSONNEL SERVICES \$ 2,602,727**

7 **FRINGE BENEFITS \$ 1,134,774**

8 **SUPPLIES \$ 522,000**

9 **OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES \$ 33,495,499**

10 **UTILITIES \$ 245,000**

11 **GREETERS TERRITORY WIDE \$ 1,000,000**

12 **TOTAL 920 DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM \$ 39,000.000**

13 **TOTAL 6068 TOURISM ADVERTISING REVOLVING FUND \$ 45,600,000**

14 **BILL SUMMARY**

15 This bill appropriates \$45,600,000 from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the
 16 Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands
 17 Department of Education, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department
 18 of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, the Virgin Islands Department
 19 of Sports, Parks and Recreation, the Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer
 20 Affairs, the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System, and the Virgin Islands Department of
 21 Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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