

**BILL NO. 35-0140**

**Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**September 19, 2023**

An Act approving the Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company for Group Medical Health Insurance; the Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company for Group Dental Insurance; the Agreement for Group Medical Health Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands and United Healthcare Insurance Company; the Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Standard Insurance Company for Group Vision Insurance; the Agreement for Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Standard Insurance Company; and the Agreement for Voluntary (Employee-Paid) Critical Illness, Accidental Injury and Hospital Care Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company of North America

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr. by Request of the Governor

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 3 V.I.C. § 632(a), the Virgin Islands Health Insurance Board of Trustees, with the approval of the Governor of the Virgin Islands and the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, is responsible for establishing a health insurance plan for Government officers employees, retirees, and their dependents;

**WHEREAS**, five of the health insurance contracts will expire on September 30, 2023, and one contract will expire on December 31, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Virgin Islands has approved the six renewals of health insurance contracts negotiated by the Health Insurance Board; and

1       **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 3 V.I.C. § 633(b), a contract for health insurance approved by  
2 the Governor must be submitted to the Legislature for the Legislature's approval; Now,  
3 Therefore,

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

5       **SECTION 1.** Pursuant to 3 V.I.C. § 633(b), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
6 approves the agreements in paragraphs (1) through (6) of this section, which are attached to  
7 and made a part of this act, as Appendix A:

8       (1) GROUP MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE AGREEMENT made and entered  
9 into October 1, 2023, by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the  
10 GESC Health Insurance Board of Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University  
11 of the Virgin Islands, the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, Non-Profit Organizations defined  
12 as eligible by the Government, and Frederiksted Health Care, Inc. and Cigna Health and Life  
13 Insurance Company

14       (2) GROUP DENTAL INSURANCE AGREEMENT made and entered into October  
15 1, 2023, by and between Government of the Virgin Islands, through the GESC Health  
16 Insurance Board of Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University of the Virgin  
17 Islands, Non-Profit Organizations defined as eligible by the Government, and Frederiksted  
18 Health Care, Inc. and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company;

19       (3) AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE entered into January 1,  
20 2024, by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the GESC Health  
21 Insurance Board of Trustees, the University of the Virgin Islands, the Virgin Islands Housing  
22 Authority, and United Healthcare Insurance Company and its affiliates;

23       (4) AGREEMENT FOR GROUP LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND  
24 DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE made and entered into this October 1, 2023, by and  
25 between the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the GESC Health Insurance Board of

Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University of the Virgin Islands, and the Frederiksted Health Care, Inc., and Standard Insurance Company;

(5) AGREEMENT FOR VISION INSURANCE made and entered into October 1, 2023, by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the GESC Health Insurance Board of Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University of the Virgin Islands, the Frederiksted Health Care, Inc. and Standard Insurance Company; and

(6) AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY (EMPLOYEE-PAID) CRITICAL ILLNESS, ACCIDENTAL INJURY, AND HOSPITAL CARE INSURANCE made and entered into October 1, 2023, by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the GESC Health Insurance Board of Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University of the Virgin Islands, Frederiksted Health Care, Inc, and Life Insurance Company of North America.

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

The bill approves five group health insurance contract renewals that expire on September 30, 2023, and one contract renewal that expires on December 31, 2023.

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