

BILL NO. 35-0398

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

October 30, 2024

An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, section 138 relating to the powers of the Department of Public Works to provide for the operation of the Virgin Islands Transit System

PROPOSED BY: Senator Diane T. Capehart

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, section 138, subsection (a) is amended by designating paragraph (11) as paragraph (12) and inserting a new paragraph (11) that reads as follows:

“(11) operate and maintain the Virgin Islands Transit System (VITRAN), and provide public transportation services on St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John, seven days a week, including on an abbreviated weekend and holiday schedule.”

SECTION 2. (a) The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, from the Transportation Trust Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works to be equally divided between the Districts of St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John to effectuate the mandate in Section 1.

(b) The funds appropriated in Section 1 remain available until expended.

BILL SUMMARY

The bill codifies the authority of the Department of Public Works to operate and maintain the VITRAN and requires that VITRAN to provide transportation services seven days a week, including weekends and holidays on St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John.

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