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BILL NO. 36-0250

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 717 relating to personal loans made to members of the Government Employees' Retirement System

PROPOSED BY: Senator Marise C. James
Sponsors: Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., Avery A. Lewis and
Angel L. Bolques, Jr.
Co-sponsors: Ray Fonseca and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 717 is amended by inserting the following subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, the System shall not reduce, revoke, or otherwise alter a member's service resulting from a default or delinquency on any loan or financial obligation made through or administered by the System. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the System from pursuing collection of outstanding debts through lawful means, provided such actions do not alter the member's service. Service shall reflect the actual duration of government employment.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill amends title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 717, subsection (c) by creating a prohibition against the reduction of a member's credited service in the event of a

1 member's default or delinquency on a personal loan made through or administered by the
2 Government Employees' Retirement System.

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