

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND
FINANCE

11/20/2024-SPECIAL ORDERED

BILL NO. 35-0205

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

December 11, 2023

An Act appropriating \$900,000 to the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation to build an equestrian training facility in Estate Body Slob, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

PROPOSED BY: Senators Javan E. James, Sr., and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

1 **WHEREAS**, Article VII of the agreement executed by and between Diageo USVI, Inc.,
2 and the Government of the Virgin Islands, dated June 17, 2008, and ratified by Act No. 7012,
3 in pertinent part provides that money deposited into the Communities Facilities Trust shall be
4 administered by the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority to be used for “community and/or
5 sports facilities or urban redevelopment projects . . . which projects shall be recommended by
6 the Governor and subject to approval by the Legislature[]”;

7 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article VII of the agreement executed by and between Diageo
8 USVI, Inc., and the Government of the Virgin Islands, dated June 17, 2008, and ratified by Act
9 No. 7012, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands does not have the authority to appropriate money
10 from this account unless it is upon the written recommendation of the Governor;

11 **WHEREAS**, by letter dated November 7, 2023, the Governor of the Virgin Islands
12 endorsed the appropriation of \$900,000 from the Community Facilities Trust Fund to construct
13 an equestrian training facility in Estate Body Slob, St. Croix, Virgin Islands; Now, Therefore

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The sum of \$900,000 is appropriated to the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the Community Facilities Trust Fund to construct an equestrian training facility in Estate Body Slob, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill provides for the appropriation of \$900,000 from the Community Facilities Trust Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation for the construction of an equestrian training facility in Estate Body Slob, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

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