

BILL NO. 36-0116

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

July 10, 2025

An Act amending and updating various sections of title 12 Virgin Islands Code

PROPOSED BY: Senator Carla J. Joseph

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION I. Title 12 Virgin Islands Code is amended as follows:

(a) In section 1 by striking “Conservation and Cultural Affairs” and inserting “Planning and Natural Resources” in the title heading wherever it appears;

(b) In section 15 by striking “\$1” and inserting “a fee as instituted by the Commissioner after notice to the public.”;

(c) In section 17 by striking “not more than \$5” and inserting “an amount instituted by the Commissioner after notice to the public.”;

(d) In section 18 by striking “Conservation and Cultural Affairs” and inserting “Planning and Natural Resources”, and by striking “\$100” and inserting “\$200”;

(e) In section 32(h) by striking “\$200” and inserting “\$500”;

(f) In section 125 by striking “\$100” and inserting “\$500” and by adding the following at the end of the section: “Upon conviction, defendant shall also pay the costs for replacement of the trees or shrubs removed in violation of this section”; and

(g) In section 145, subsection (a), by striking “\$100” and inserting “\$200” and inserting the following at the end of the subsection: ‘The Tree Board may also require that the violator pay a restoration fee equivalent to the cost of purchasing and replanting the removed trees and shrubs.’”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill updates sections of title 12 Virgin Islands Code by adjusting fees and penalties, and imposing additional requirements for replacing trees and shrubs in violation of the sections.

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