

ACT NO. 8447

BILL NO. 34-0013

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2021

An Act appropriating \$2,050,000.00 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund for replacement of the existing, deteriorated tender landing pier and repairs at the Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal in Frederiksted, St. Croix

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WHEREAS, the Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal in Frederiksted, St. Croix is under the management and control of the Virgin Islands Port Authority;

WHEREAS, the Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal is the primary cruise ship berthing facility for the island of St. Croix;

WHEREAS, due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and the No Sail Order issued by the Center of Disease Control (CDC), all cruise ship activities in the world and in the Virgin Islands ceased in March 2020;

WHEREAS, the Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal is in need of repair, including the replacement of the existing tender landing pier. However, due to the inactivity in the cruise ship industry, the Virgin Islands Port Authority is unable to finance the necessary repairs to the Ann E. Abramson's deteriorated tender landing at this time;

WHEREAS, the tender landing pier is an important feature of the marine facility, because it serves as an auxiliary landing for the ships for the tendering of passengers; and is also used by the local charter dive boats operators;

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Port Authority wishes to replace the existing deteriorated tender landing pier of the Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal with a new service pier measuring approximately 80 feet long by 15 feet wide at the southside of the Terminal;

WHEREAS, the construction of the new service pier and repairs to the Ann E. Abramson

Marine Terminal is estimated to cost approximately \$2,050,000.00;

WHEREAS, the construction project at the Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal will provide secure infrastructure improvements and make a contribution to the economy of St. Croix by the generation of jobs and the payment of taxes to the Treasury of the Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, Act No. 5960, §1, Sess. L. 1994, established the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects on the Island of St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, the repair of the Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal and the replacement of the existing deteriorated tender landing pier with a new service pier are projects that will greatly improve the marine facility and enhance its attraction and security as a St. Croix tourism product; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, the sum of \$2,050,000 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund, established in 33 V.I.C § 3087, to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to finance the cost of repairs and the replacement of the existing, deteriorated tender landing pier with a new service pier at the southside of the Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal in Frederiksted, St. Croix.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on May 4, 2021.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 4th Day of May, A.D., 2021.




Donna A. Frett-Gregory
President


Genevieve Whitaker
Secretary



Bill No. 34-0013 is hereby approved.

**Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, This 19th day of May, 2021 A.D.**


**Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor**