

ACT NO. 8515

BILL NO. 34-0089

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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An Act appropriating \$920,000 to the Virgin Islands Port Authority for the construction of an aesthetically pleasing Cruz Bay fish market and to modify the existing concrete boat ramp and bulkhead at the Little Cruz Bay Dock, Cruz Bay, St. John; appropriating \$580,000 to the Department of Public Works for the construction of a boat dock and slipway at Enighed Pond on the island of St. John; amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 27, chapter 4B, section 221(c) relating to criminal background checks for members of medical boards to make the Department of Health the recipient of the background check results and amending title 3, chapter 23, section 415(b)(2)(B) relating to the membership of the Board of Dental Examiners to eliminate dental therapists from that Board; amending Act No. 8187 § 1(e) relating to a \$100,000 appropriation to the Department of Social Services for the Adrian Senior center to reprogram it to the Multipurpose Center on St. John; and providing for other purposes

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. (a) The sum of \$920,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund, established in 33 V.I.C. 3057, to the Virgin Islands Port Authority for the design; the geotechnical, marine, and environmental assessments; and the construction of an aesthetically pleasing fish market to be managed by the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources pursuant to 12 V.I.C. §325a(b) and for the modification of the existing concrete boat ramp and bulkhead at the Little Cruz Bay Dock in Cruz Bay, St. John, Virgin Islands.

(b) The sum appropriated in subsection (a) remains available until expended.

SECTION 2. The Virgin Islands Port Authority shall:

(1) collaborate with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources and contract other design consultants as needed in the design phase of the Cruz Bay fish market; and

(2) contract for the performance of geotechnical, marine, and environmental assessments to determine the feasibility and impact of constructing the fish market and of modifying the existing concrete boat ramp and bulkhead at the Little Cruz Bay Dock authorized in section 1(a) of this act.

SECTION 3. (a) The sum of \$580,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to the Department of Public Works for the construction of an L-shaped boat dock and slipway at Enighed Pond on the island of St. John.

(b) The sum appropriated in subsection (a) remains available until expended.

SECTION 4. (a) The licensed physician members of the Board of Medical Examiners appointed under 3 V.I.C. §415 (b)(1)(A), may serve temporarily as de facto board members of any of the boards established under 3 V.I.C. §415 when any such board does not have enough members to establish a quorum.

(b) The de facto board established under subsection (a) may be used to establish a quorum and carry out the duties of the boards established under subsection 3 V.I.C. §415, including issuing licenses.

SECTION 5. Section 4 expires 120 days after the date of enactment.

SECTION 6. Title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 4B, section 221, subsection (c) is amended by striking “Police Department” and inserting “Department of Health.”

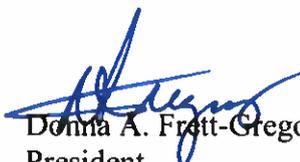
SECTION 7. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, section 415, subsection (b), paragraph (2), subparagraph (B) is amended by striking “or dental therapist”.

SECTION 8. Act No. 8187, section 1, subsection (e) is amended by striking “Adrian Senior” and inserting “Multipurpose”.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on November 18, 2021.

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




Donna A. Frett-Gregory
President


Genevieve R. Whitaker
Secretary



Bill No. 34-0089 is hereby approved.

**Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, This 6th day of December, 2021 A.D.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

**Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor**