

# ACT NO. 8411

BILL NO. 33-0435

## THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2020

An Act amending Act No. 8365, relating to the fiscal year 2021 operating budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands to increase the funding for wage adjustments from \$2,623,000 to \$9,760,658, to appropriate \$18,000,000 to the Single Payer Utility Fund; to reduce the operating expenses for the Department of Finance from \$2,091,757 to \$1,591,757; to reduce the budget for the Department of Education from \$167,807,284 to \$164,180,173; to increase the Department of Public Works' appropriation for the Abandoned Vehicles Programs in St. Croix, and St. Thomas from \$25,000 to \$75,000; to appropriate an additional \$75,000 for a St. John Abandoned Vehicles Program, and \$400,000 for addition road work; to increase the appropriation for the Nurse Licensure Board from \$391,026 to \$536,886; to appropriate \$305,312 as a contribution to the Taxi License Fund; to appropriate \$2,000,000 as a contribution to the V. I. Housing Finance Authority; amending Act No. 8366 relating to the 2021 fiscal year operating budget for the University of the Virgin Islands to provide for a direct appropriation to the University and to add an appropriation of \$180,000 for preparing an agriculture plan; amending Act No. 8245 relating to fiscal year 2020 operating budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands to make the \$10,000,000 appropriation for Retroactive Payment to Retirees Over 65 non-lapsing; and providing for other related purposes

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

**SECTION 1.** Act 8365 (Bill No. 33-0377), section 1 is amended in the following instances:

(a) In subsection D:

(1) After "Funding for Wage Adjustments" by striking "\$2,623,000" and inserting "\$9,760,658", in its place;

(2) By striking "Utilities" and inserting "Single Payer Utility Fund \$18,000,000" in its place; and

(3) After "Total Org 210 Office Management and Budget" by striking "\$19,840,888" and inserting "\$44,978,546" in its place.

(b) Subsection K is amended by striking “Cemeteries” and inserting “Cemeteries pursuant to 3 V.I.C. § 8c. Funds remain available until expended”

(c) Subsection Q is amended:

(1) After “Operating Expenses” by striking “\$2,091,757” and inserting “\$1,591,757” in its place; and

(2) After “Total Org 390 Department of Finance” by striking “\$19,086,059” and inserting “\$18,586,059” in its place.

(d) Subsection R is amended:

(1) By striking “Miscellaneous \$3,627,111”; and

(2) after “Total Org 400 Department of Education” by striking “\$167,807,284” and inserting “\$164,180,173” in its place.

(e) Subsection V is amended:

(1) After “DPW Abandoned Vehicles STX and after DPW Abandoned Vehicles STT” by striking “\$25,000” and inserting “\$75,000”; and by adding a line item that reads: “DPW Abandoned vehicles STJ \$ 75,000”;

(2) After “DPW Maintenance Work for Heavy Equipment 35,000” by adding a line item that reads: “DPW Additional Road Maintenance \$400,000”; and

(3) After “Total Org 610 Department of Public Works” by striking “\$19,590,133” and inserting “\$20,165 ,133” in its place.

(f) Subsection W is amended:

(1) After “DOH Nurse Licensure Board” by striking “\$391,026” and inserting “\$536,886”; and

(2) After “Total Org 700 Department of Health by striking “\$32,911,524” and inserting “\$33,057,384”.

(g) By Striking the second occurrence of the subsection AC designator and striking the subsection AD designator and re-designating them as subsections AD and AE, respectively.

(h) In the re-designated subsection AD, after “Total Miscellaneous” by striking “\$15,610,467” and inserting “\$18,110,467” in its place; and in the re-designated subsection AE, after “Grand Total General Fund” by striking “\$608,455,009” and inserting “\$632,686,416” in its place.

(i) “C/CNTR Agency/Misc. item FY2021” is amended:

(1) After “DOA Contributions to Agriculture Revolving Fund” by striking “\$305,312” and inserting “\$500,000” in its place and adding a line item immediately following to read “M1700 TCC Contribution to Taxi License Fund \$305,312”;

(2) By striking “DOH” and inserting “DHS” before both “East End Medical Center “and “Frederiksted Health Center”;

(3) After “DOT Crucian Heritage and Nature Heritage Inc. \$15,000” by inserting a line item that reads: “M1670 DOF Contribution to VI Housing Finance Authority \$2,000,000”; and

(4) After “Total Miscellaneous Section” by striking “\$15,610,467” and inserting “\$18,110,467” in its place.

**SECTION 2.** Act No. 8366 (Bill No. 0405) is amended in the following instances:

(a) Section 1 is amended in the first sentence after “\$25,225,458” by striking “or as much as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any available funds in the Treasury of the Virgin Islands, to be transferred to the university of the Virgin Islands fund for expenditure by the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021,” and inserting instead: “is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, to the University of the Virgin Islands”.

(b) Section 28 is added to read as follows: “**SECTION 28.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, the sum of \$180,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the purpose of preparing an Agriculture State Plan.”

(c) “0100 General Fund” is amended by striking “both instances of \$34,366,559 and inserting in their place “\$34,516,559”.

**SECTION 3.** The sum of \$570,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 from the Transportation Revolving Fund for acquisition of enforcement vehicles for the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs.

**SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, Act No. 8245 (Bill No.33-0157) is amended in “Agency Misc. Item” at the end of the line item, “New OMB – Retroactive Payment to Retirees Over 65 \$10,000,000” by adding the phrase, “available until expended”.

**SECTION 5.** Act 8365 (Bill No. 33-0377), AGENCY/MISC ITEM, is amended in the following instances:

(1) In the line item “NEW DOT CRUCIAN HERITAGE AND NATURE” strike the second instance of the word “HERITAGE” and insert “TOURISM”, and insert two new line items immediately thereafter to read:

“NEW DOT CRUCIAN HERITAGE AND NATURE TOURISM, INC FY20 allotment \$15,000

NEW OMB – Retroactive Payment to Retirees over 65 and made available until expended \$10,000,000”

(2) After "TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS SECTION" strike "\$18,110467" and insert "\$28,125,467".

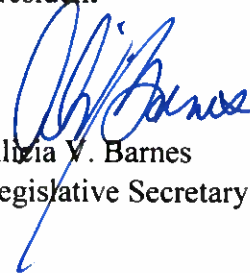
(3) After "GRAND TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS SECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS SCHOLARSHIP-NL" strike "\$19,656,033" and insert "\$29,671,033".

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on December 11, 2020.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, A.D., 2020.



  
Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
President

  
Althea V. Barnes  
Legislative Secretary



**Bill No. 33-0435 is hereby approved.**

**Witness my hand and the seal of the Government of  
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,  
St. Thomas, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020 A.D.**

  
**Albert Bryan, Jr.**  
**Governor**