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BILL NO. 34-0233

Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

May 18, 2022

An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 18, subchapter II, section 312 relating to the members of the Virgin Islands Sports Commission, and sections 313 and 314 relating to the duties of the Virgin Islands Sports Commission

PROPOSED BY: Senator Javan E. James, Sr.
Co-sponsor: Genevieve R. Whitaker

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 18, subchapter II is amended in the
3 following instances:

4 (a) Section 312 is amended as follows:

5 (1) Subsection (b) is amended in the first sentence by inserting “the
6 representatives from the private sector;” after “exception of”, and in the third sentence by
7 striking “begin their terms as four-year terms” and inserting “serve five-year terms”

8 (2) Subsections (c) and (d) are added to read as follows:

9 “(c) Seven members of the Commission constitute a quorum, and all action
10 taken must be by a vote of the majority of those present either in person or by video
11 teleconference pursuant to regulations.

1 (d) The Commission shall promulgate such regulations as necessary to
2 carry out the purposes of this subchapter.”

3 (b) Section 313 is amended by:

4 (1) Relocating “and” at the end of paragraph (46) to the end of paragraph (47)
5 and adding a paragraph (48) that read as follows: “(48) Include in its fiscal year budget,
6 host and create an agenda for an annual sports conference, which must:

7 (A) be held within the months of October through December, alternating annually
8 between the St. Croix and St. Thomas-St. John districts; and

9 (B) include each registered sport organizations within the Virgin Islands Sports
10 Commission’s database to discuss the future of sports tourism in the Virgin Islands and
11 the implementation of the mandates set forth in this section.”; and

12 (2) Designating the existing provisions as subsection (a) and adding a
13 subsection (b) that reads as follows:

14 “(b) The Commission shall evaluate the progress being made towards
15 accomplishing the mandates in subsection (a), and any additional goals and shall submit
16 a progress report to the chairperson and co-chairperson of the Legislature’s Committee
17 on Youth, Sports, Parks and Recreation, or successor committee, and shall publish the
18 report on the Commission’s website, not later than June 1 of each calendar year.”

19 (c) Section 314 is amended at the end of subsection (a) by adding a sentence that
20 reads: “The Commission shall update the National Sports Policy from time to time.”

21 **SECTION 2.** The Commission shall develop and publish the National Sports Policy
22 under 3 V.I.C. §314(a) not later than 180 days after the effective date of this act.

23 **BILL SUMMARY**

24 The bill amends Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 18, subchapter II, section 312 by

1 increasing the service term, from four years to five years of the private sector individuals
2 appointed by the Governor to the Virgin Islands Sports Commission; establishing that five
3 members constitutes a quorum and that a vote of a majority of the members is required for
4 actions by the Commission; and establishing that members may appear at meetings either in
5 person or by video teleconferencing. This bill also amends section 313 by requiring the Virgin
6 Islands Sports Commission to host an annual sports conference, submit a report regarding its
7 progress as it relates to its mandates under section 313. The bill requires the Commission to
8 establish regulations. This bill also amends section 314 by requiring that the National Sports
9 Policy be updated from time to time. Finally, this bill requires that the Commission develop and
10 publish a National Sports Policy within six months after the effective date of this act.

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