

# ACT NO. 8255

BILL NO. 33-0109

## THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

### Regular Session

2019

An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 16, chapters 1 and 9 by prohibiting the issuance of marriage licenses to persons under the age of eighteen (18)

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

**SECTION 1.** Title 16, chapter 1, subchapter II of the Virgin Islands Code is amended as follows:

(a) In section 35, subsection (a), by striking paragraph (4) in its entirety and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

(b) By striking the language in section 36 in its entirety and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

“If upon the examination prescribed by § 35 of this chapter, it appears that the applicant is under 18 years of age, the court shall not, under any circumstances issue a marriage license.”

**SECTION 2.** Title 16, chapter 9, subchapter III, section 241 of the Virgin Islands Code repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 3.** Title 16, chapter 9, subchapter 1, section 221 of the Virgin Islands Code is amended by striking paragraph (2) in its entirety and redesignating the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

**SECTION 4.** Title 16, chapter 1, subchapter I, section 2 of the Virgin Islands Code is amended in paragraph (4) by striking “16 years of age for males and 14 years for females” and inserting “18 years of age” in its place.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on December 19, 2019.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 2019.



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Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
President

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Alicia V. Barnes  
Legislative Secretary



**Bill No. 33-0109 is hereby approved.**

**Witness my hand and the seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020 A.D.**

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Albert Bryan, Jr.  
Governor