

**BILL NO. 35-0054**

**Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**March 2, 2023**

An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, section 103b, relating to the Centennial Treasures Award, to provide for a single, lumpsum award payment

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

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

**SECTION 1.** Title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, section 103b, subsection (c) is amended by striking all the language after “grant of” and inserting “\$5,000” in its place.

**BILL SUMMARY**

This bill amends the Centennial Treasures Award statute to provide for a single \$5,000 award payment. Under existing law, upon a person’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services awards the centenarian \$4,000, and upon the death of the centenarian, another 1,000 is awarded towards the recipient’s burial. Under this bill, the centenarian would receive the entire \$5,000 in a single payment upon the centenarian’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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