

# LEGISLATURE OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS



35<sup>th</sup> Legislature, THE HONORABLE SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART


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Subcommittee on Health and Public Safety

## REVISED

**TO:** All Members, Committee on Rules and Judiciary  
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Honorable Angel L. Bolques, Jr.  
Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens  
Honorable Marise C. James  
Honorable Franklin D. Johnson  
Honorable Carla J. Joseph

**FROM:** The Honorable Senator Diane T. Capehart   
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

**DATE:** November 20, 2023

**RE:** Committee on Rules and Judiciary Meeting— Thursday, December 7, 2023

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for *Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands* to consider the following *nominations and bills*:

### **BLOCK I**

- Governor's Nomination of Harriett Nathalie Hodge  
Commissioner Nominee, VI Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

### **BLOCK II**

- Governor's Nomination of Louis E. Petersen, Jr.  
Commissioner Nominee, VI Department of Agriculture

### **BLOCK III**

- Governor's Nomination of Kevin McCurdy  
Commissioner Nominee, VI Department of Finance

### **BLOCK IV**

- Governor's Nomination of Joan P. Foy  
Virgin Islands Banking Board – District of St. Thomas

### **BLOCK V**

- Governor's Nomination of Bert Petersen, Jr., M.D.  
University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees
- Governor's Nomination of Donna M. Christensen, MD  
University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees

## **BLOCK VI – BILLS**

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- **Bill No. 35-0045** - An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407 relating to eligibility for parole release by adding section 4607 to establish Medical Parole Release, Geriatric Parole Release, and Non-Medical Geriatric Parole Release, and for other related purposes. *Sponsored by: Senators Franklin D. Johnson and Javan E. James.*
- **Bill No. 35-0086** - An Act amending Title 3, V.I.C., chapter 1, section 10h to require background checks for all IT personnel and employees of the Bureau of Information Technology, agencies that have data centers, and any employee who handles confidential information. *Sponsored by: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.*
- **Bill No. 35-0099** - An Act amending title 28, chapter 23, of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the foreclosure of Liens Upon Real Property. *Sponsored by: Senator Marise C. James*
- **Bill No. 35-0119** - An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code by adding a chapter 7A directing the Department of Health to develop and approve Mobile Integrated Healthcare Programs. *Sponsored by: Senator Marise C. James and Co-Sponsored by: Senator Ray Fonseca*
- **Bill No. 35-0127** - An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 89 relating to the invasion of privacy of accident and crime victims by first responders. *Sponsored by: Senators Marvin A. Blyden, Dwayne M. DeGraff, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Alma Francis Heyliger, Donna A. Frett-Gregory and Javan E. James, Sr.; Co-Sponsored by: Senator Marise C. James*
- **Bill No. 35-0131** - An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 to establish a “Real Time Crime Center” Centralized Crime Data System, within the Virgin Islands Police Department. *Sponsored by: Senator Diane T. Capehart*
- **Bill No. 35-0175** - An Act amending Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, relating to emergency communications during an emergency and major disasters by adding a subchapter II establishing an Auxiliary Communications Unit within the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and providing an auxiliary communications resource to any department agency and autonomous or semiautonomous instrumentality of the Government of the Virgin Islands. *Sponsored by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens.*

## **BLOCK VII– BILLS - TENTATIVE**

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- **Bill No. 35-0084** - An Act amending title 11, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 1213 to allow businesses operating under a trade name to have the option of renewing the trade name every 2, 6, or 10 years intervals. *Sponsored by: Senator Alma Francis Heyliger*
- **Bill No. 35-0172** - An Act amending Title 29, chapter 5 Virgin Islands Code, relating to building codes to provide for adoption of nationally recognized consensus-based codes and standards and amendments to such codes that are in the best interests of the territory, and to provide for clarifications to the Virgin Islands building code. *Sponsored by Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory*

- **Bill No. 35-0173** - An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 201, by adding a subchapter V enacting the Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act to provide a mechanism for a newborn infant to be relinquished to a safe environment, for the parents of the newborn infant to remain anonymous if they choose and avoid civil or criminal liability for the act of relinquishing the newborn infant. *Sponsored by: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*
- **Bill No. 35-0187** - An Act amending title 19, part V, chapter 45, by adding subchapter XI, titled Extreme Risk Protection Orders, to allow a family or household member, law enforcement officer, healthcare worker, educator or co-worker to intervene and file a court petition to temporarily confiscate and ban a person's access to guns for one year if that person is deemed to be a risk to themselves or others. *Sponsored by: Senator Diane T. Caphart*

Cc: All Senators  
All Chiefs of Staff  
All Divisions  
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